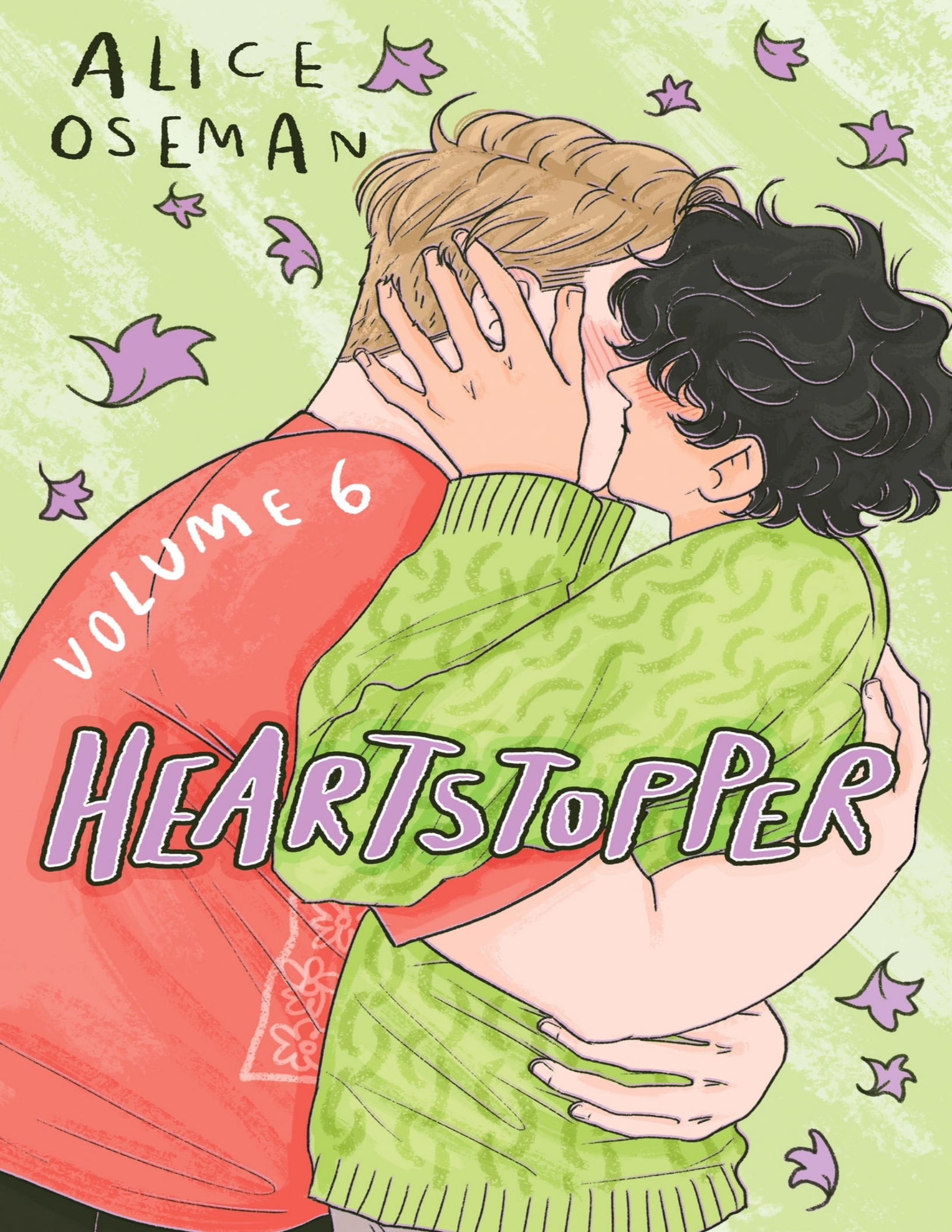


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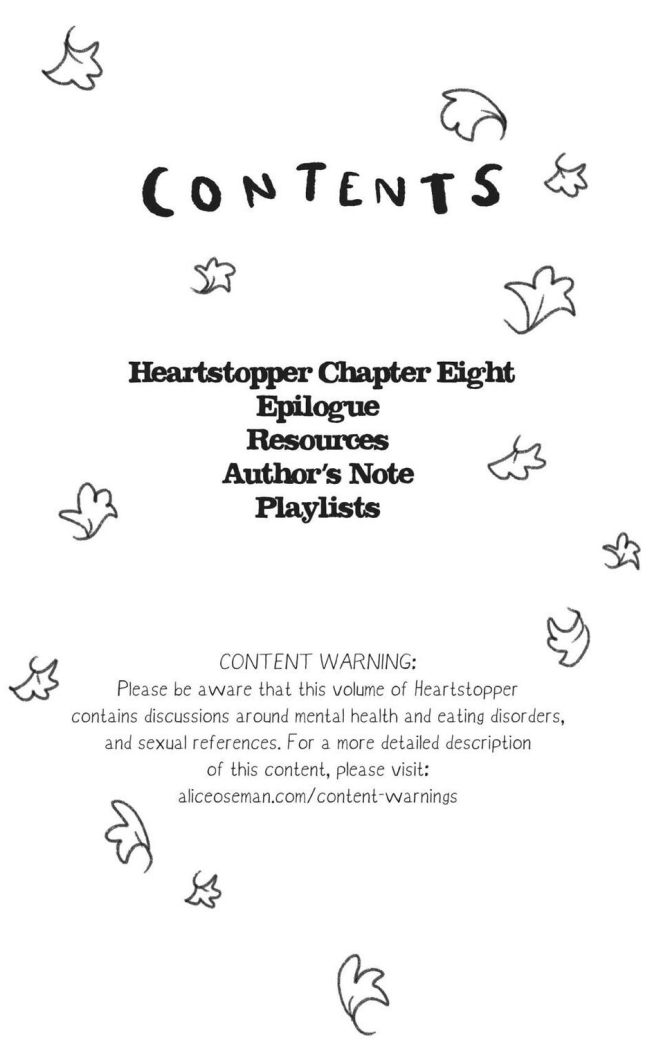
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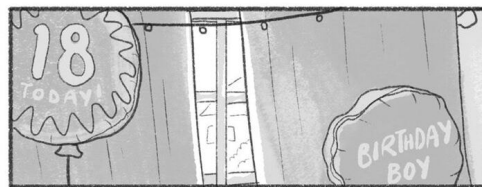
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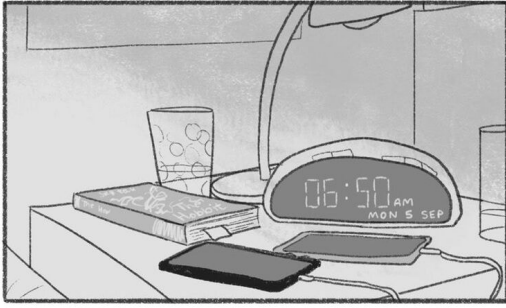


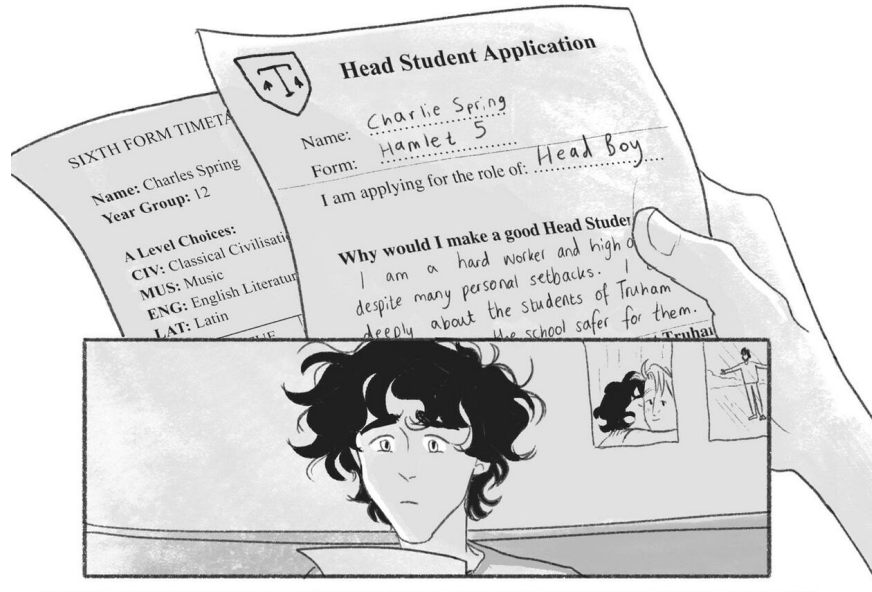
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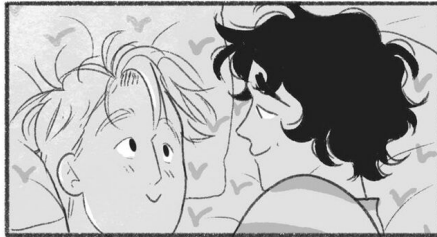








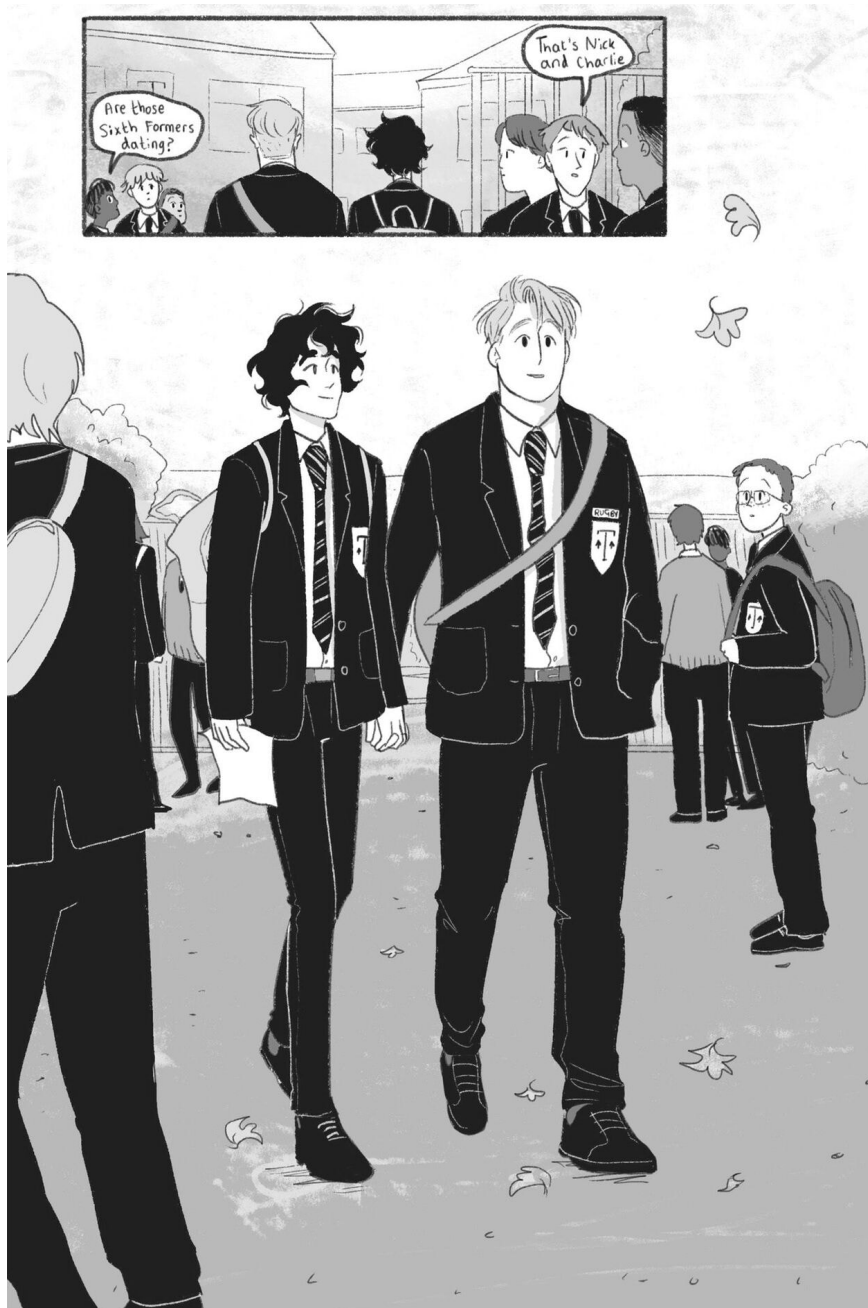


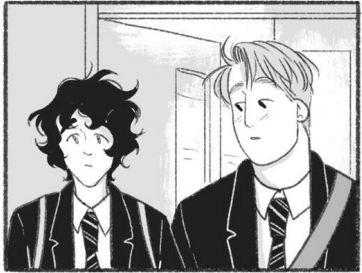


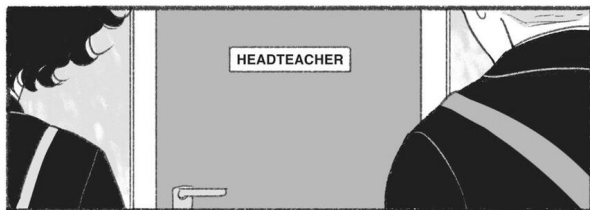


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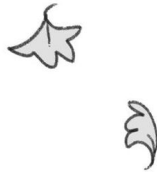


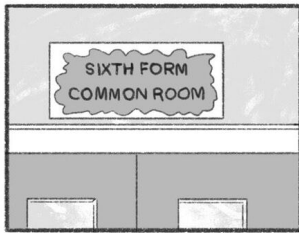


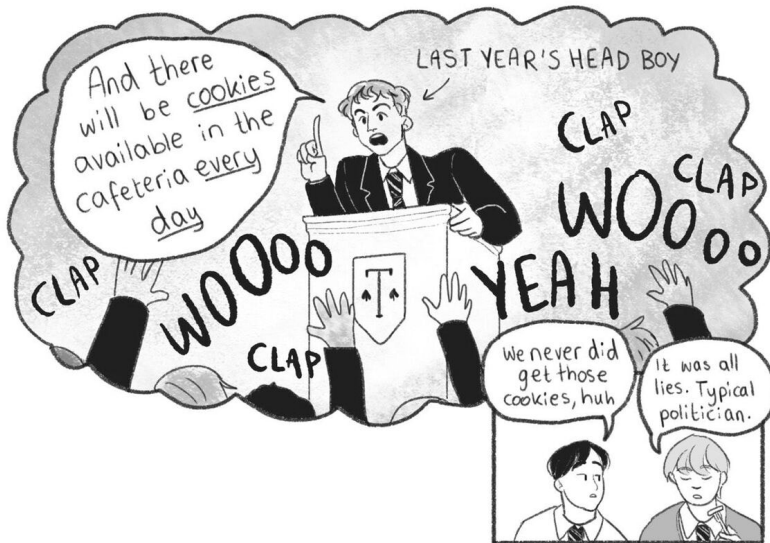










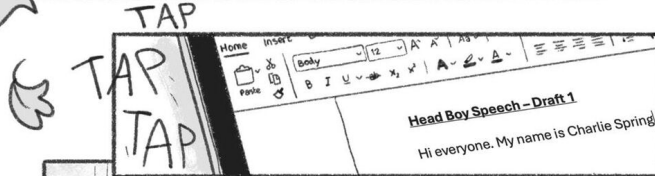




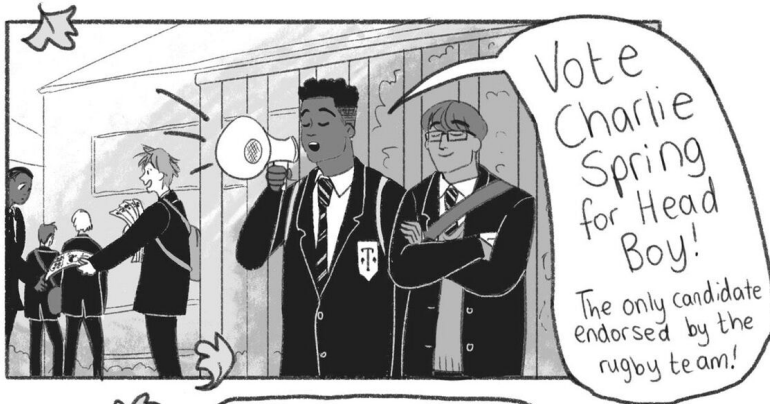
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God, I forgot
how many friends
you have

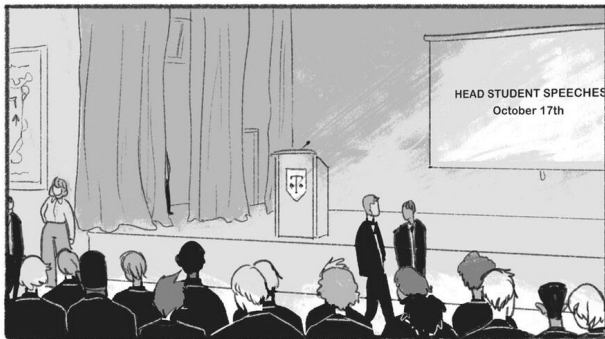


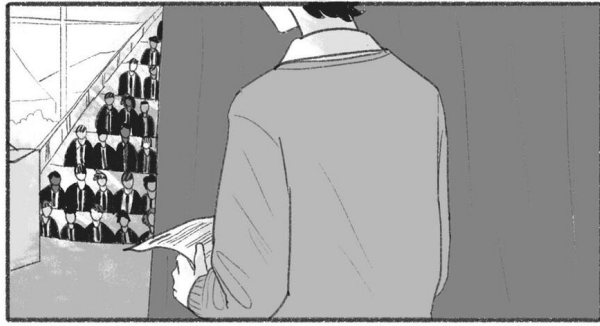




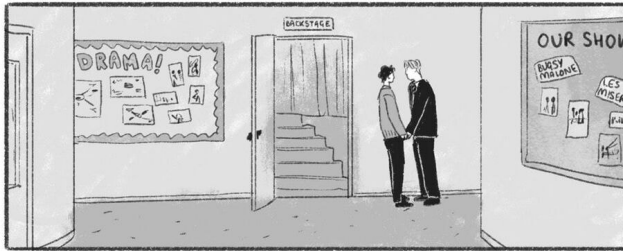










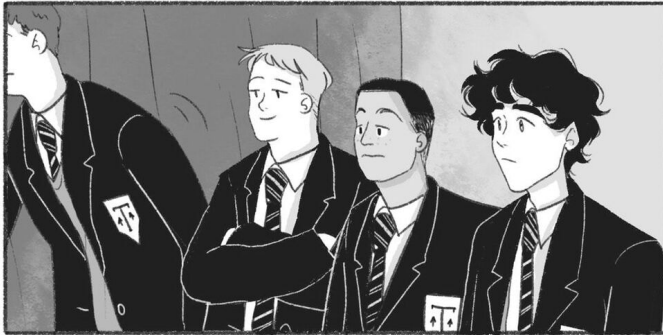
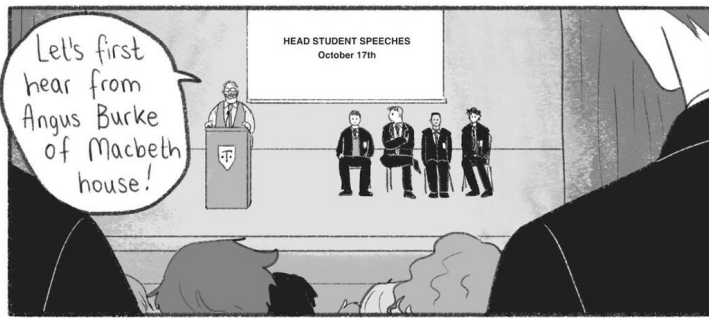


















But I wasn't
the problem.

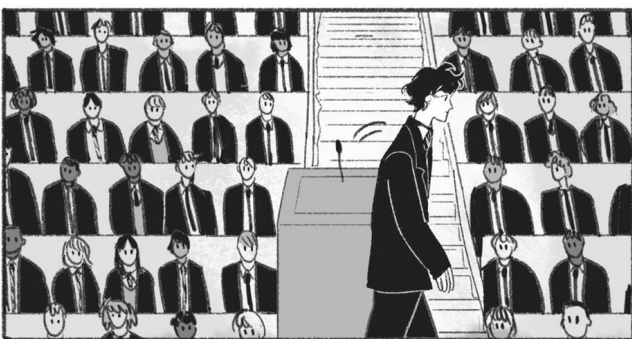
The problem was
the culture of
bullying that
exists in this
school.

And to be
honest?
Hardly
anything
has changed
since then.

People are making each other's lives hell
for no reason.







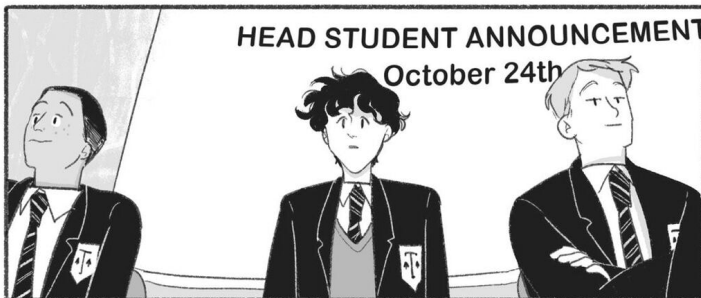


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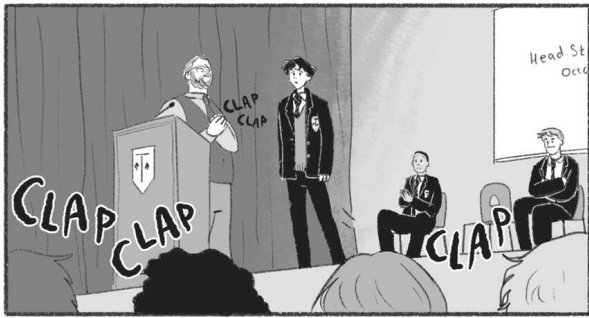




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DONG





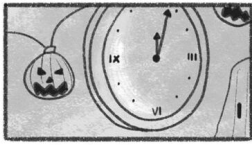












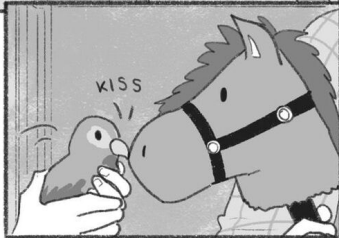
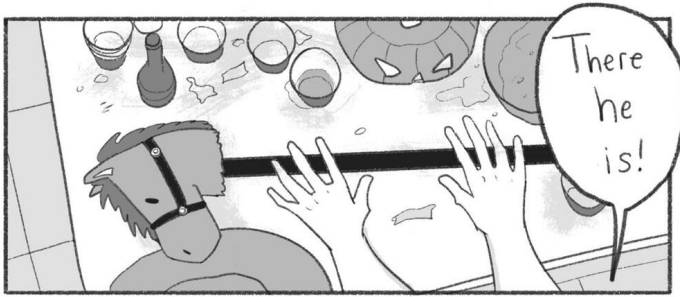


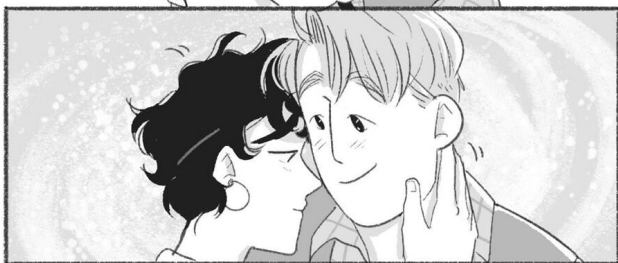
















Nick...



You know
I don't
really like
rugby, don't
you?

I mean - I know
it's not your
passion or anything,
but...

Nick, I
only joined
the team
because
I fancied
you.



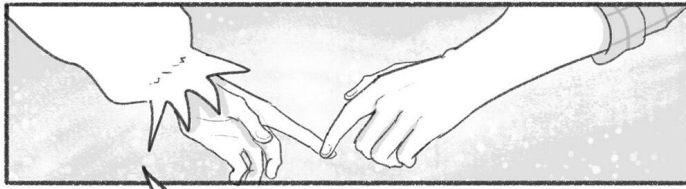
Well - I know
that was part
of it -



I joined because
I had an insane
crush on you and
you asked me to!!

Okay,
okay!!
That's -





Are you gonna be really sad if I quit?



I'll be sad but I'll be fine.

I don't want you to keep doing it if you don't like it.



I always liked playing rugby with you.







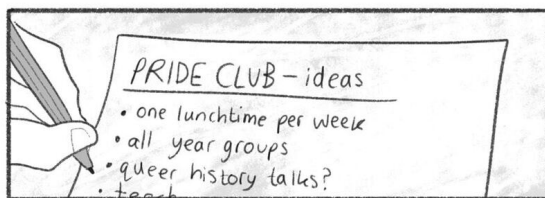




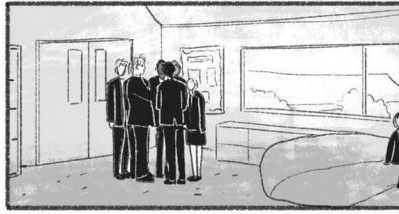








So if you see any bullying, or anyone tells you about anything happening, come and talk to me and we'll figure out a plan of action



Does that all make sense?

Yeah!

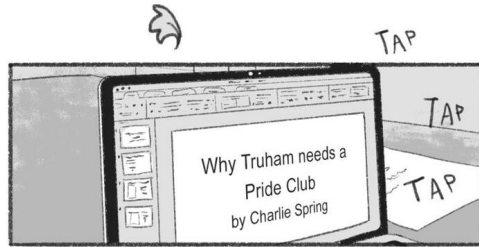
Yup

Yeah



That was great!!







winter



Nick!
Here!



PANT
PANT

Nick,
fuck's sake!

Ha, you
know he's
useless
when Charlie
isn't around

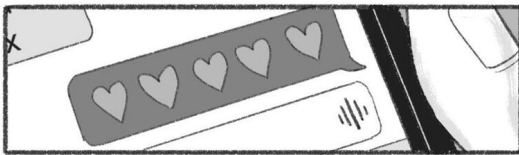
Ha ha,
shut
up







whoosh



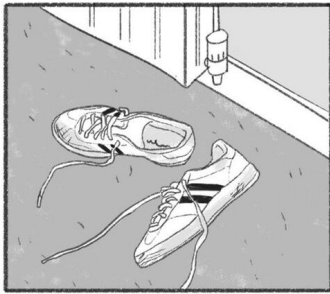
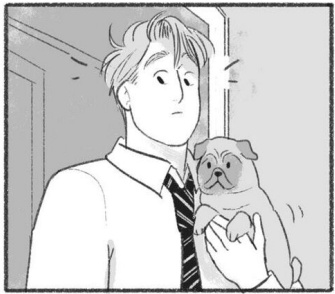
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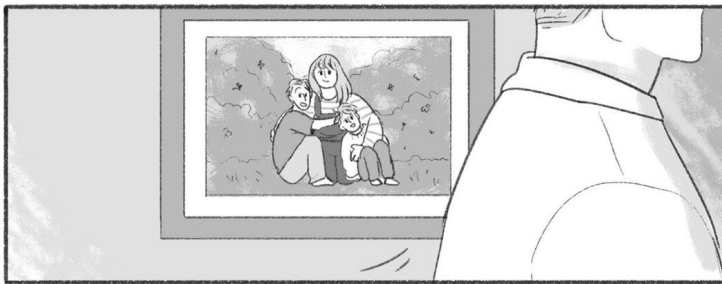
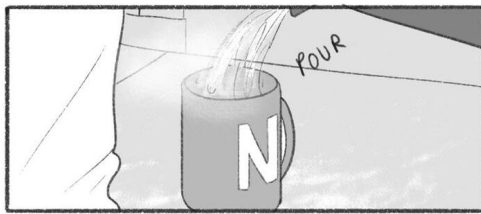






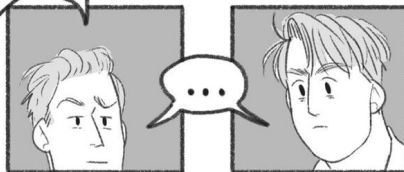


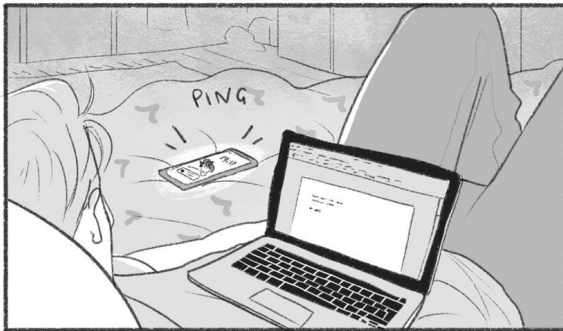
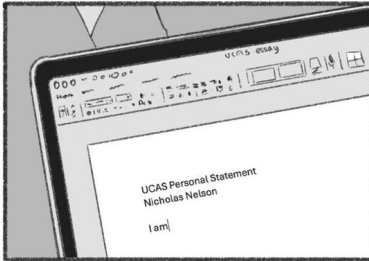


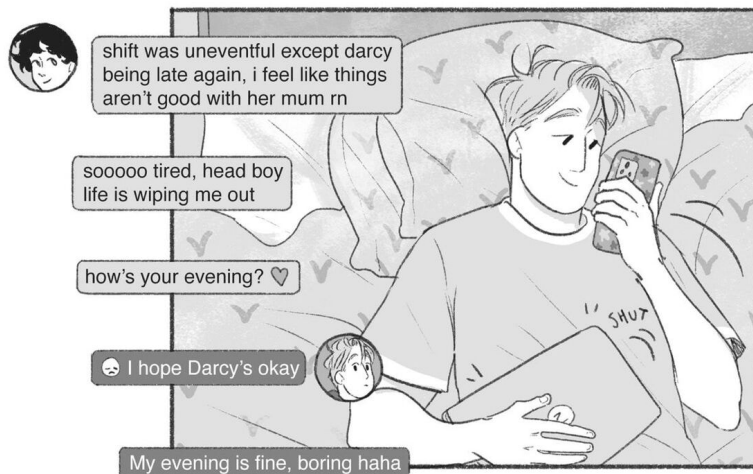


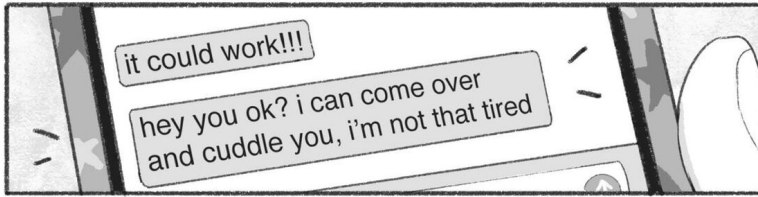












MUSIC

No no no I'm all good,
go get some sleep



You're head boy now you
need a full night's sleep





and what if i don't want
a full night's sleep

i can think of much
more fun activities

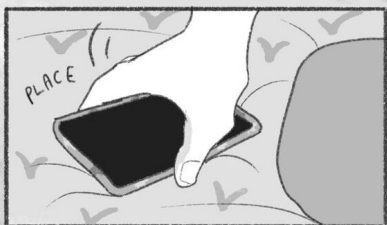
DON'T tempt me with sex
I really need to make
progress on this essay

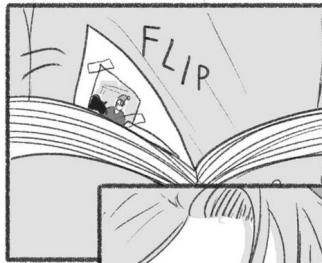
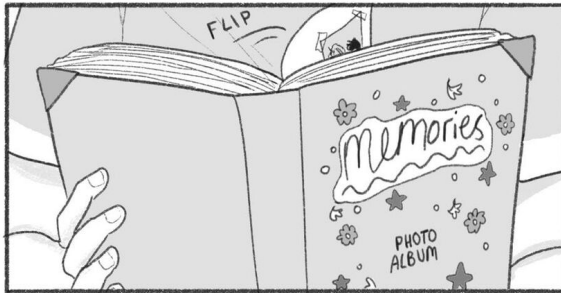


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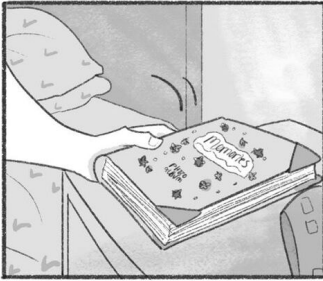
TAP

TAP









Okay please come round



on my way xxx











Or we
could go for
a drive?
We could go
get slushies
and sit by
the river.



Or we could
just talk-

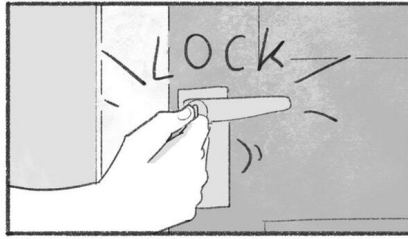
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So the first paragraph is an intro...

Then a section about your degree subject?

Yeah, a psychology section.

Yeah! Then extra-curricular stuff?

Yeah. Just rugby, I guess.

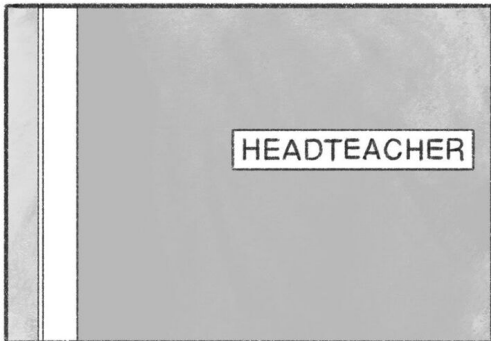
It's not 'just rugby', you're the captain and you've done one-on-one training with newbies.

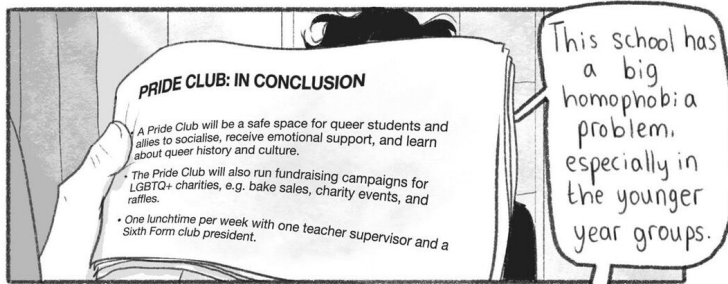
Newbies?

Yeah, like me!

Yeah, we've had a looot of one-on-one time ♡

...Nick.





This school has a big homophobia problem, especially in the younger year groups.













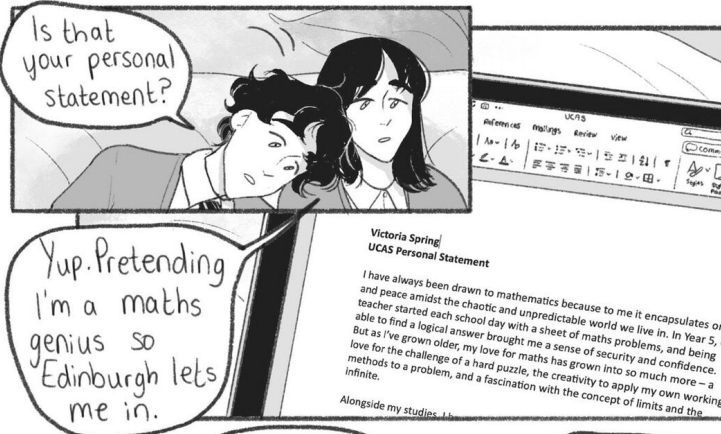








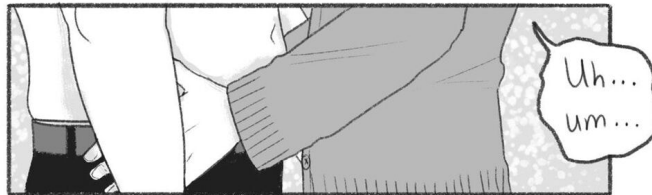






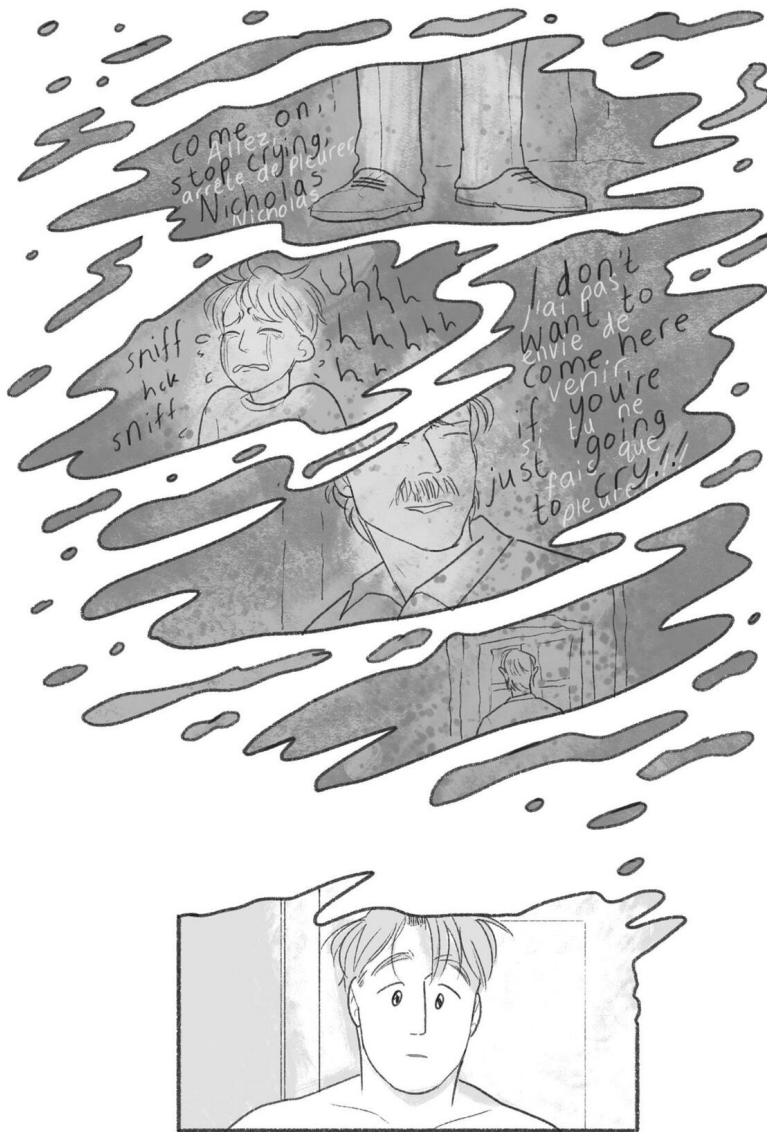
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kiss















D'you wanna stay over, though?

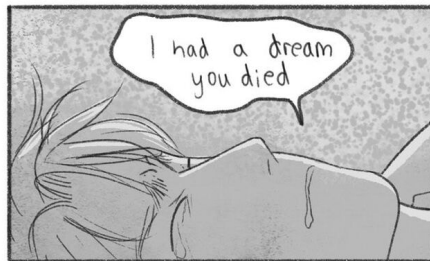
Will your mum let us?

Yeah, I'm in her good books at the moment



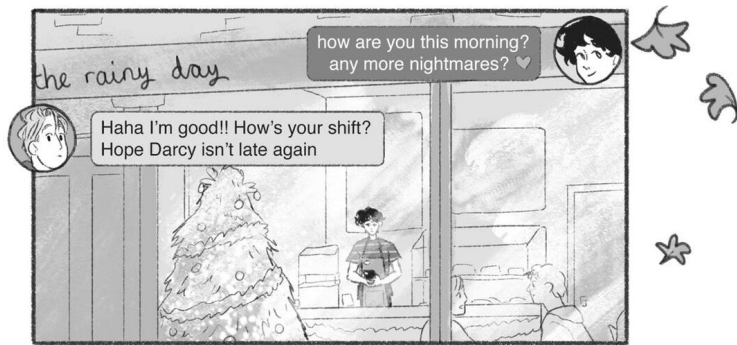


Hey,
what's
wrong?
What's
going
on?

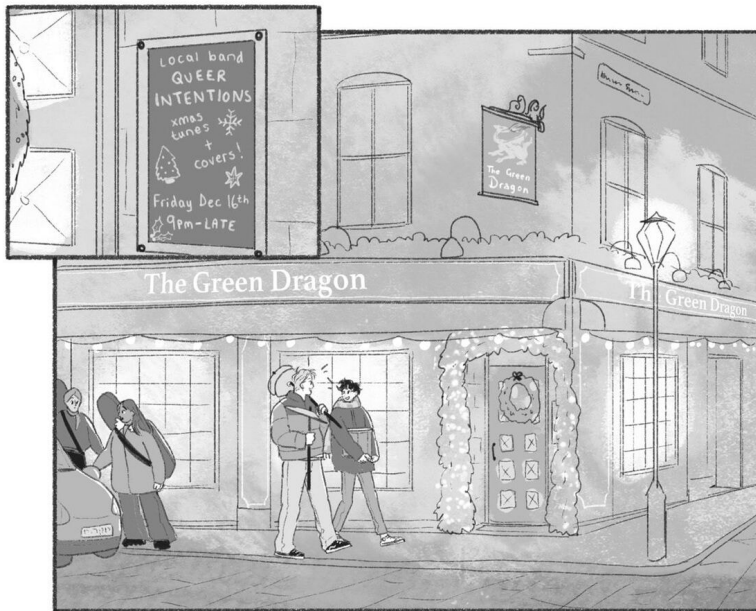




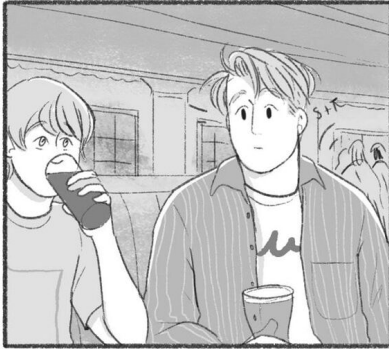


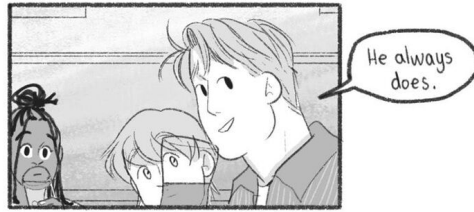




















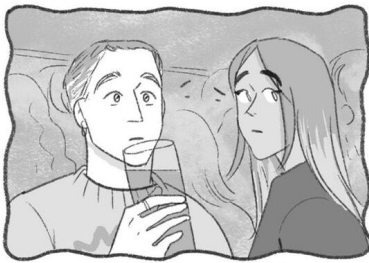


















I feel like she's got something going on but she won't talk to me about it. And I've been trying to get her to start planning what we're doing next year when we go travelling, but it's like she just shuts down and goes silent whenever I bring it up.



But what can I do if she won't even talk to me?

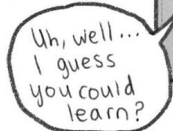


Yeah... that's tough...



See you back inside, yeah?

Yeah













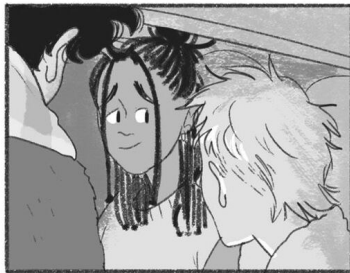




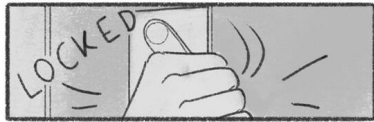


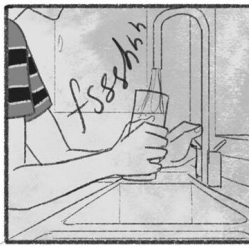








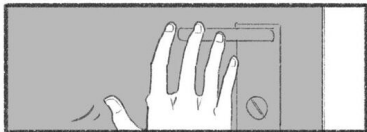
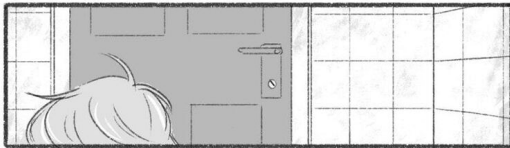




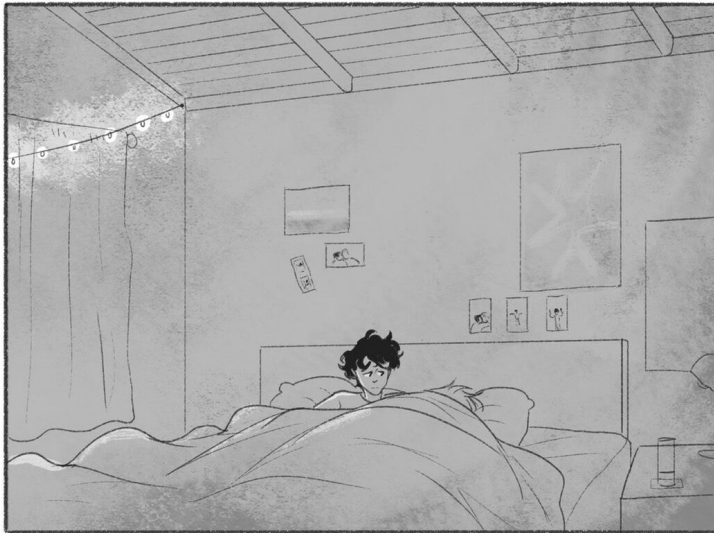


I don't
need your
help!!









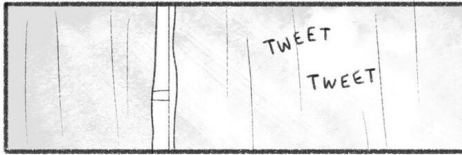


And then I saw that guy flirting with you and I just felt crazy.

But... you know I'd never— nothing would ever happen!!



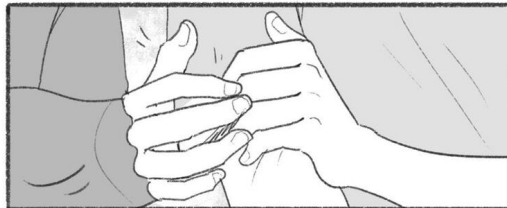






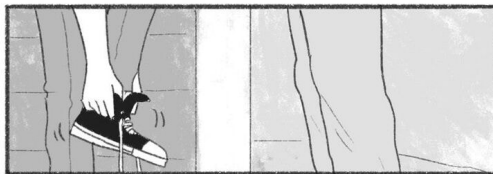




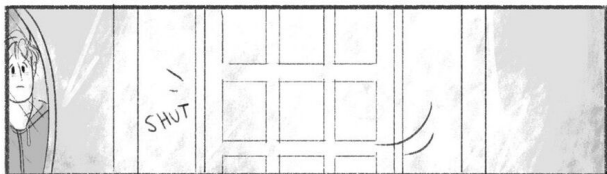
















Charlie?



You okay, darling?
I thought you were with Nick today...







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KNOCK





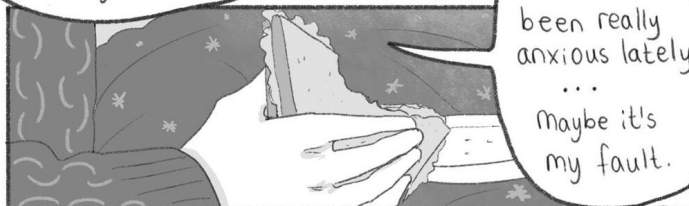
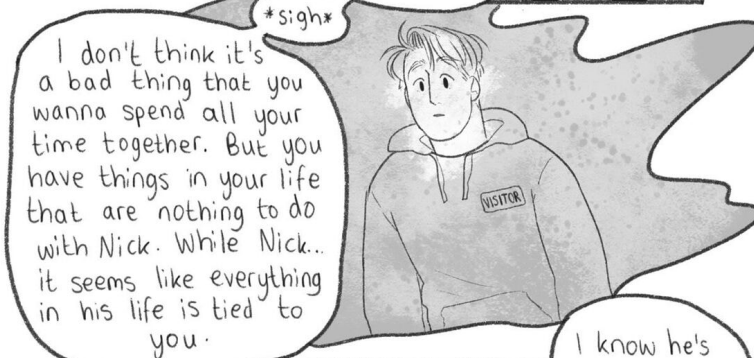


And with all the head boy stuff it's just- Everything's been so much lately and I got out of my meal routine and... I haven't relapsed like that in ages and it freaked me out.

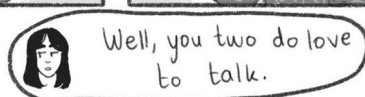
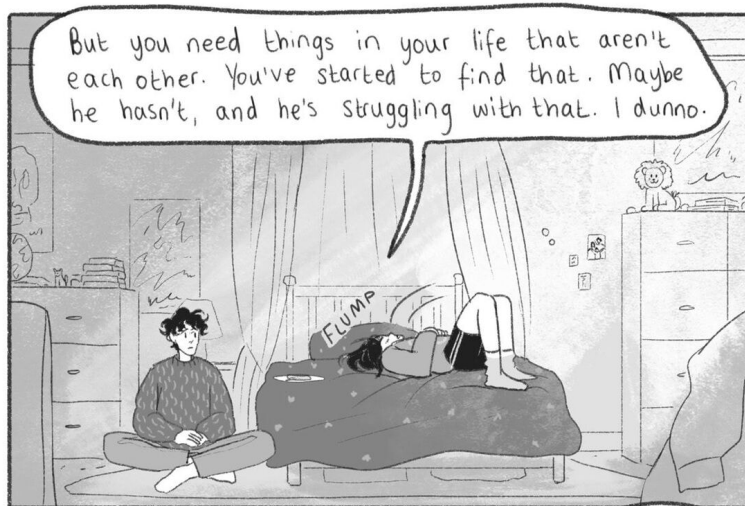
tori's room

And where is Nick in all this, dare I ask?

















Later...

















hi sarah, we're both okay, but me and nick are at medway hospital a&e right now because nick took a whack to the head at rugby and split his eyebrow. they had to call an ambulance because it's school policy or something and the medics said we had to go to check if he needs stitches and to check for a concussion. the wait looks pretty long at the moment but i'll keep you updated! xxx



Oh my goodness. I've just had a call from Mrs Singh too. I'm at Nick's grandparents' right now but leaving right away and heading your way. I'll probably be a couple of hours but I expect you'll still be waiting 😞 Give Nicky a hug for me. Xx



Hey Charlie how's our boy feeling?

Just thought you'd wanna know that Singh went absolutely mental at the other team's coach 😡 and tbf it seemed like he was mad too. The lads reckon the #9 will get booted from his team or at least suspended for a while



hey sai! nick's okay, a bit wobbly maybe but i don't think there'll be any lasting damage! we're just waiting to be seen at a&e rn



okay good lol



do you think nick will get suspended for fighting?

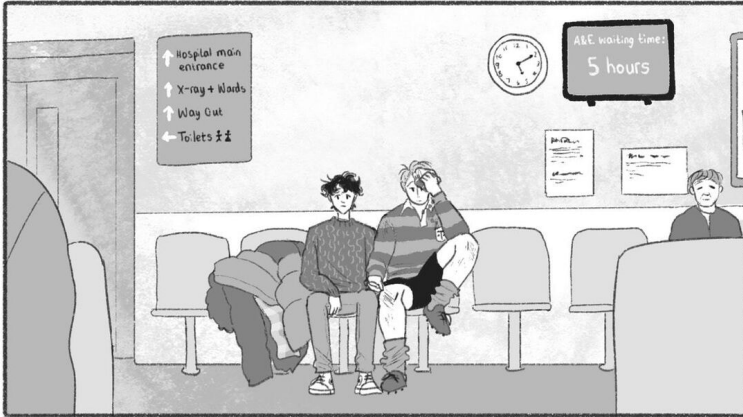


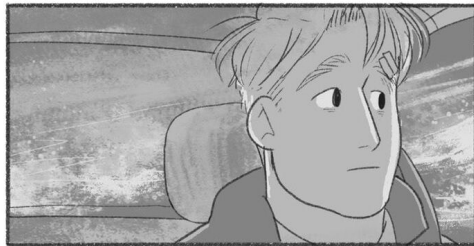
Honestly idk I think that'll be Singh's call to make but since Nick technically started the fight then yeh I think he might get suspended from the team for a bit



But I do think Singh felt sympathetic to the situation and understood why Nick kicked off















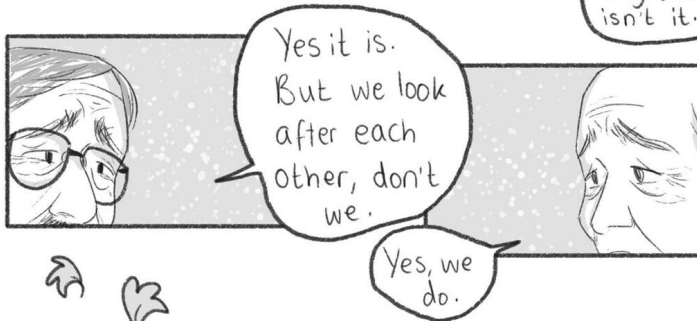
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can we talk about yesterday mornin' | **DELETE**













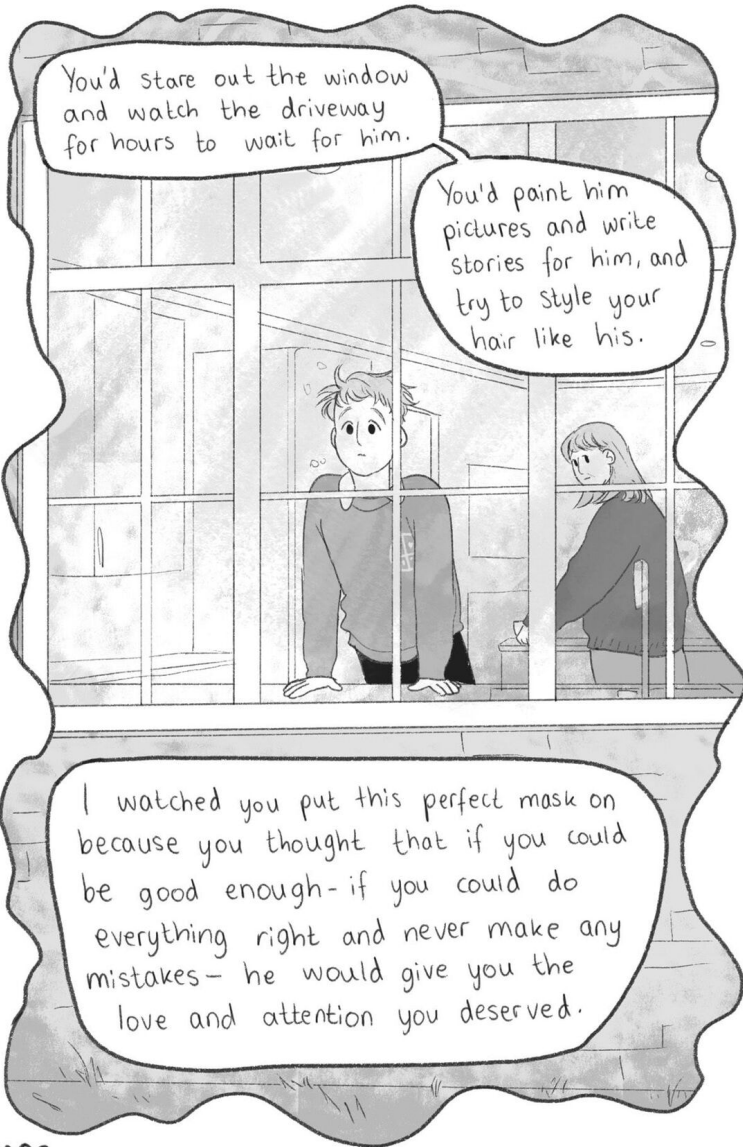




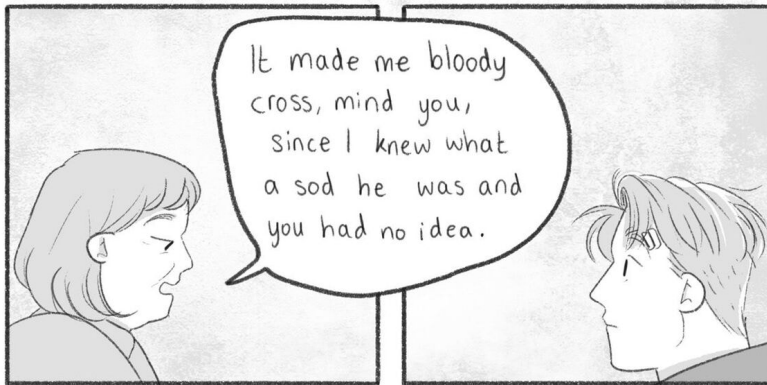


You'd stare out the window
and watch the driveway
for hours to wait for him.

You'd paint him
pictures and write
stories for him, and
try to style your
hair like his.



I watched you put this perfect mask on
because you thought that if you could
be good enough - if you could do
everything right and never make any
mistakes - he would give you the
love and attention you deserved.



I think Charlie loves you no matter what.



You don't need to hide any part of yourself from him, or put on a mask, or pretend everything's okay when it's not.



He wants to see the real Nick.

It's okay if you need to throw up more!

The Nick who is sometimes sad, and sometimes angry, and sometimes makes mistakes.



I think Charlie loves that Nick just as much.



Do you want to know why I think that?





I'm lucky
you're my
mum, too.



Aw,
baby



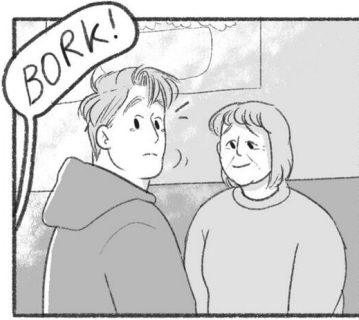
Have I
messed it
up with
Charlie?

No, darling.

Most messes
can be
tidied.



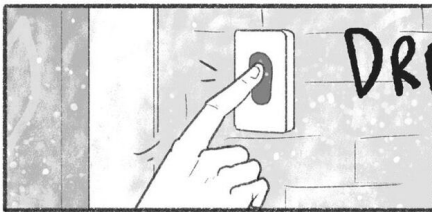
There
there,
it's
all right



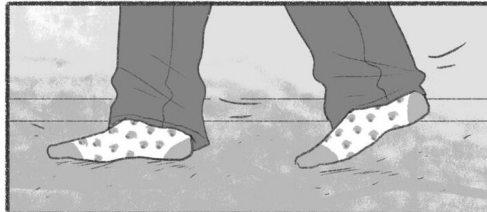
Are you free today? ♥



yes!! ♥



DRRIING























I made something
for you





I think it was a 'get well soon' idea, like, we could just sit in here all day while you're feeling rough, but then I got really into the construction and...





There's snacks too!

Of course

Can we put comfy clothes on?

Yeah, I have some of your pyjamas here. You can shower too, if you want?

Are you saying I smell?

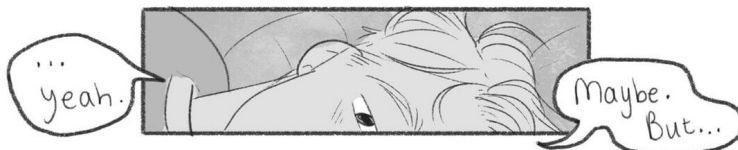
NO - you just got covered in snow, so -

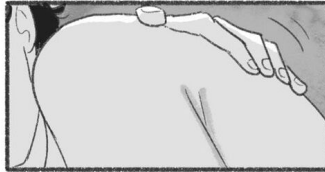
So did you!! ... wanna shower with me?

Another time.

Two showers and a movie later...















It's not
your job
to make
sure I
never
relapse.

I- you help me so much.
But you can't take the weight
of something like that.

I know.



But I wish
I could.

 But I don't want that.



I don't like that.
You don't have to
be the strong one
who always saves
the day.

We can
both be
strong,
okay?



If I can't protect
you, who even am I?
If you don't need
me any more, I...

I don't need you
because you
'protect me'.



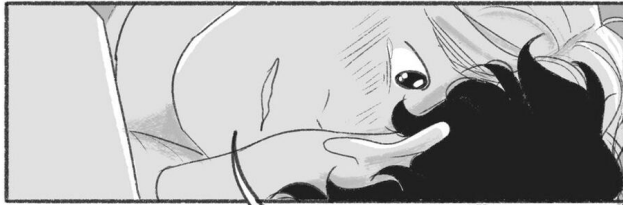
I need you because you're
you. And I love you.















Are you sure
your head doesn't
hurt too much-



I'm sure!!









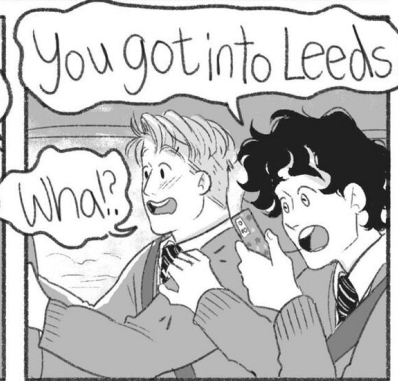


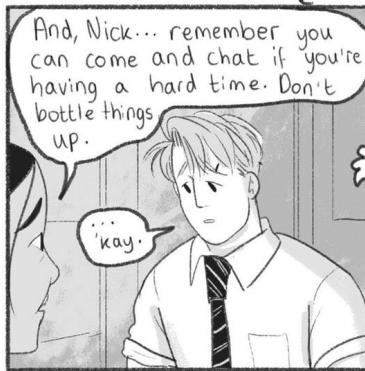
YOUR CHOICES

1. Psychology BSc
University of Leeds
2. Psychology BSc
University of Kent
3. Psychology BSc
Loughborough University
4. Psychology BSc
Oxford Brookes University
5. Psychology BSc
University of Lincoln

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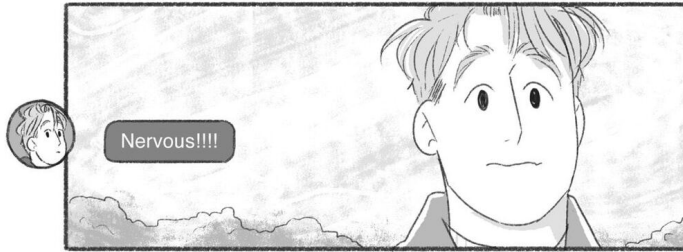


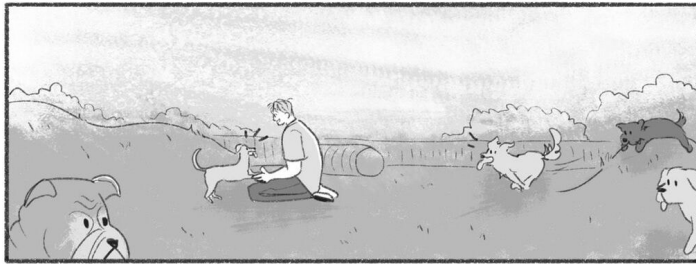
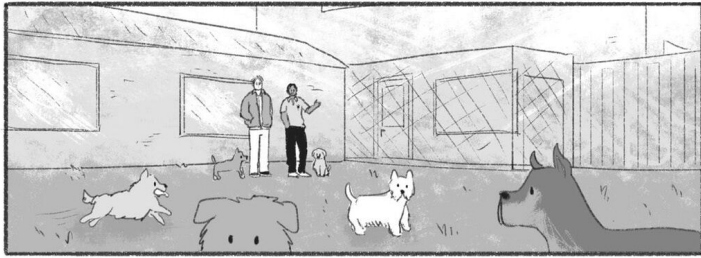


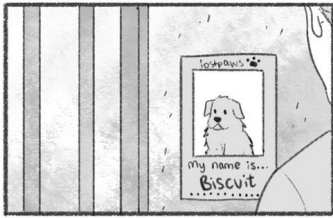




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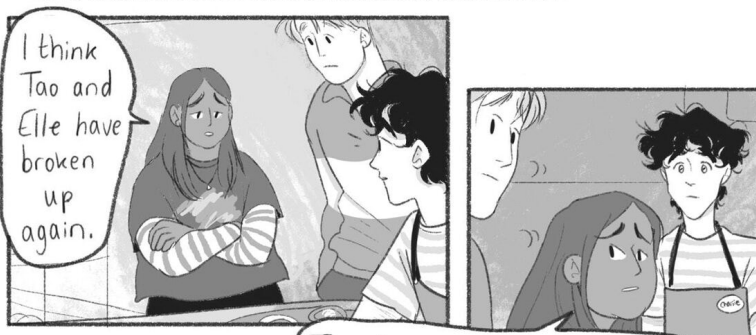
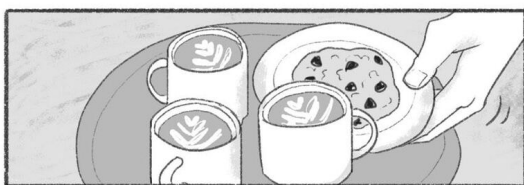












I think
Tao and
Elle have
broken
up
again.

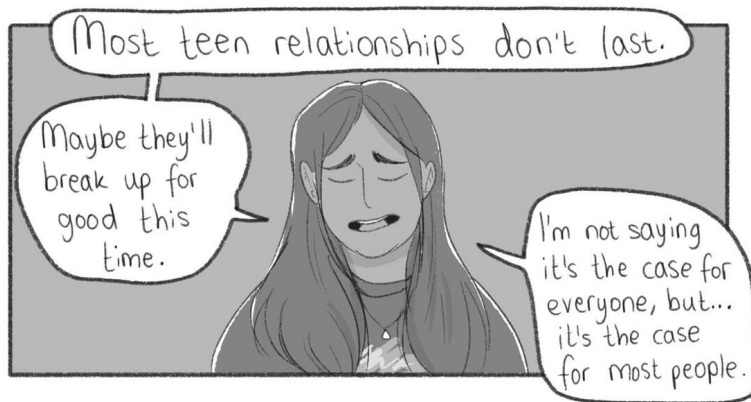
The vibes are uncomfortable.



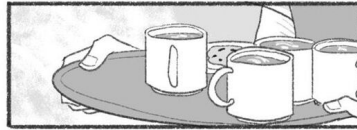
I think they're just very strong-willed
people and that causes clashes sometimes.

Yeah, and they're
well past the
honeymoon phase...

Are we just
avoiding
saying the
obvious?



Leeds has different tiers of rugby depending on your skill level so I don't know which one I'll get into yet.



Nick, you've been so much chattier lately.



Um-sorry?

No, I love it. You always keep yourself to yourself.

But now you share more. It's cool.



Well, now I feel self-conscious about it!

Noooo!!

Hide me, please.



Guys, you've made him shy.



Ha ha ha!



Hey- are we all coming to Pride in June?

Yeah!

Obviously

Yeah

That might be one of the last times we all hang out as a group. Maybe ever.



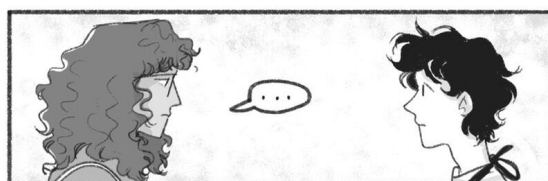
Yeah-

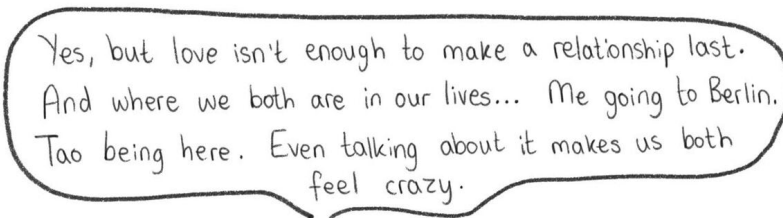
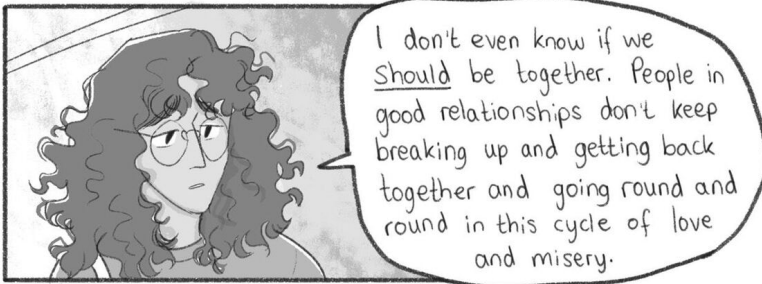


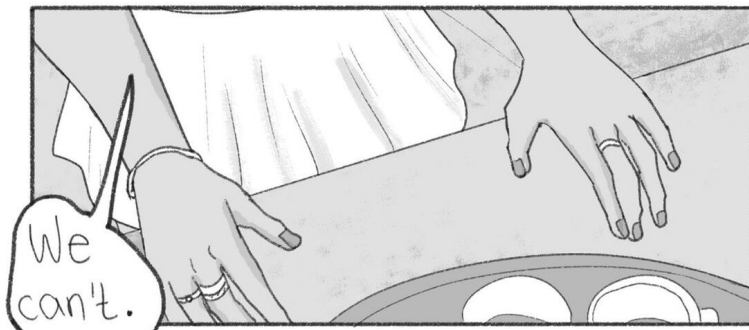
and then we'll never talk to each other again.



I'm joking.





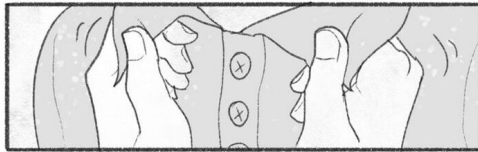




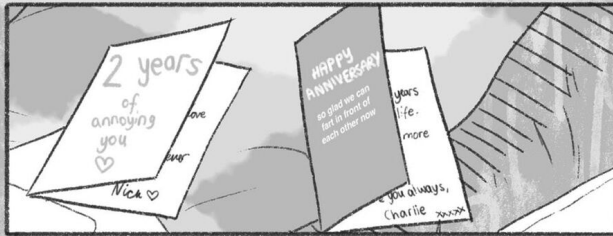
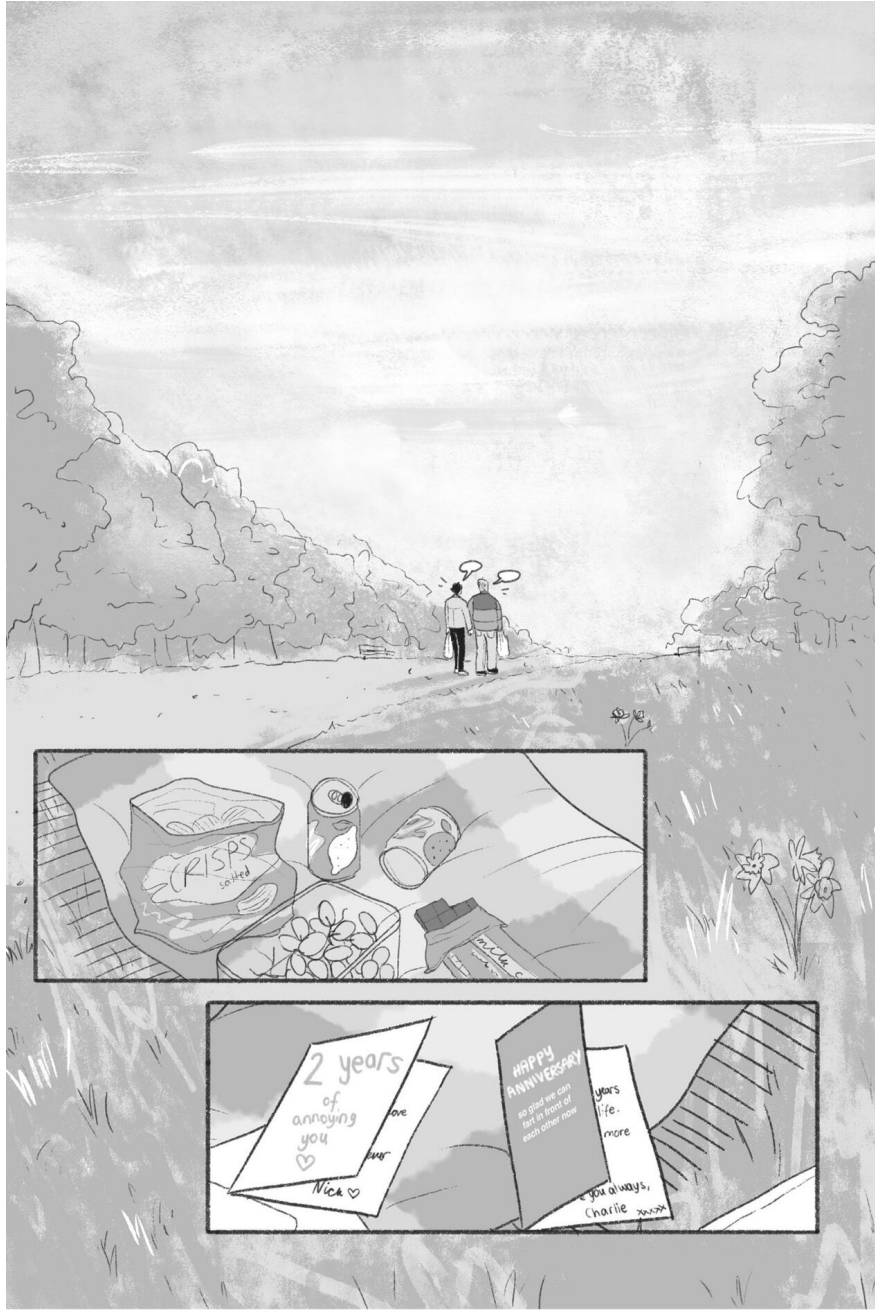




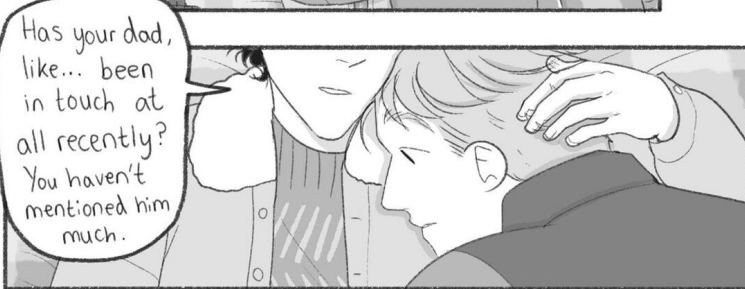










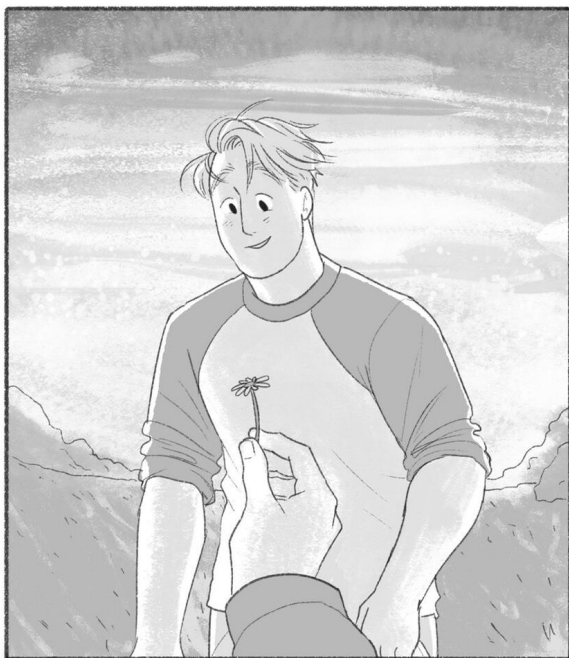












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cfspring 2 years x

tara.jones.xo You guys are so so sweet

nicholaszzzzz Um I love you

its_elles_universe wait, two years??? that is wild

April 18



nicholaszzzzz



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nicholaszzzzz It's his birthday, please tell him how sexy he is

nicholaszzzzz He is soooooooooo fit

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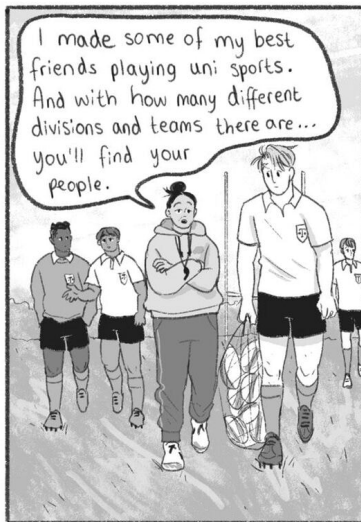
nicholaszzzzz Come over here and make me

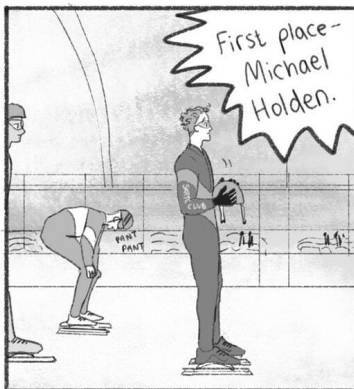
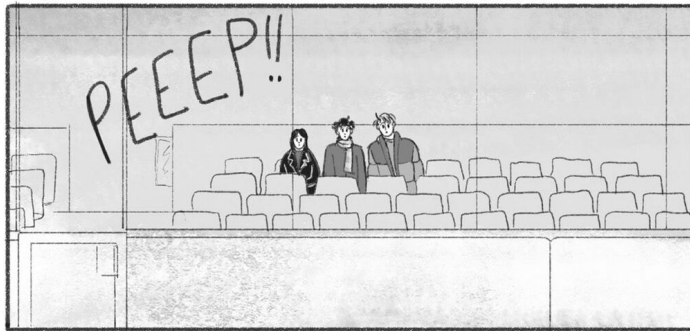
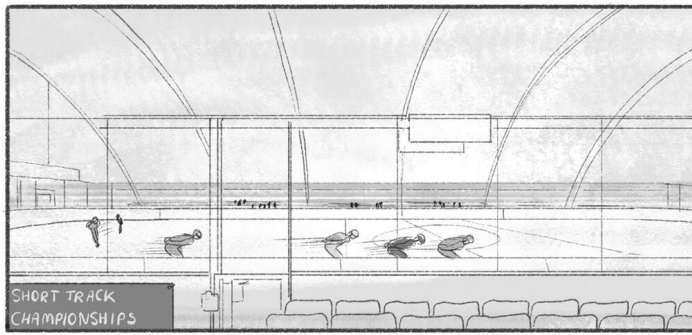
the.xu.tao you guys make me sick (affectionately)

sarahnelson172 Aww glad you all had a lovely time in London.

April 27



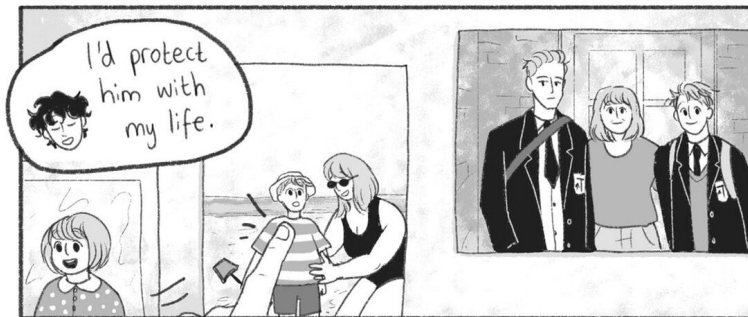
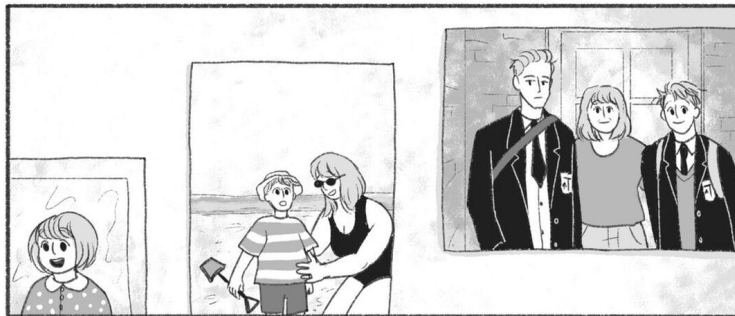


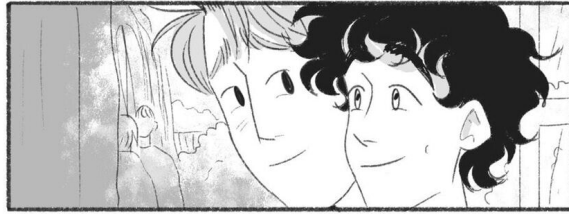
















Not really. I can't imagine myself middle-aged.

Ha!

It'll creep up on you. One day you'll be fifty and wondering where all the time went.



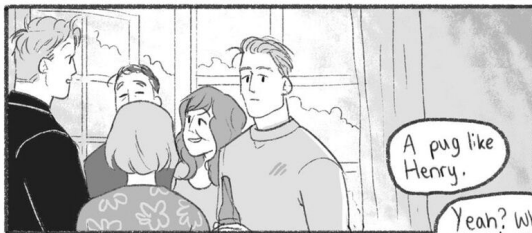
I... I never really thought about the future much at all until recently.

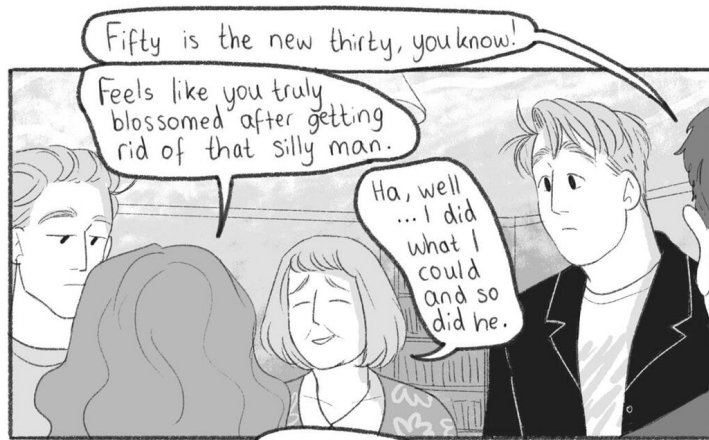


Well...

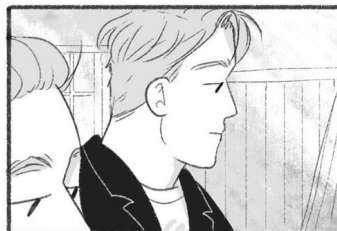














I cheated.



Yeah,
like father,
like son.
You might
be next.

Just like
Dad.

Like
fuck
I will.



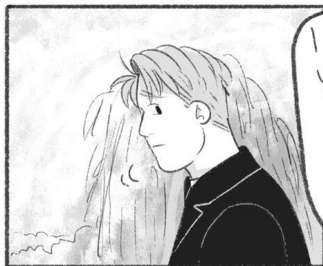




Sometimes I'm shit.







I know
you think
I worship
Dad, but
I don't.



He's a
shit
dad,
always
has
been.



But... I need a
fucking job. Ha.

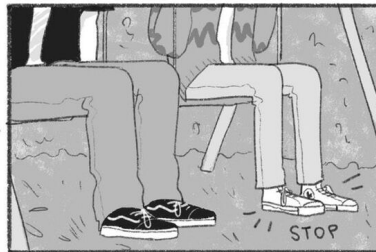


David—

















I'm so
scared of
losing
you



Everyone messes up sometimes.



And...
I'm
scared
too.

I- I'm
scared of
you going
away



and everything
blowing up, just
like Tao and Elle



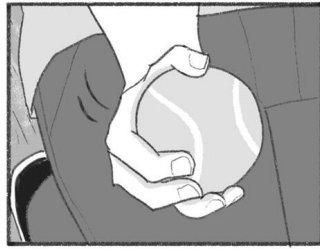
Maybe
it'd be
weird if
we
weren't
scared.

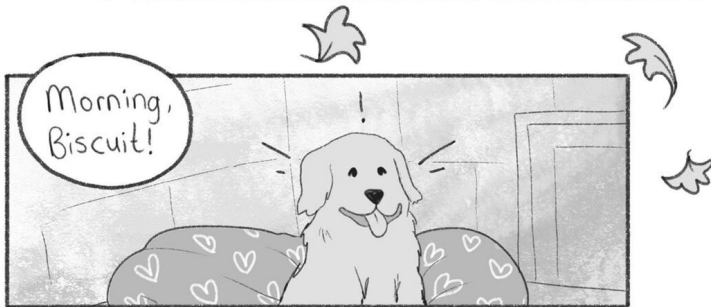
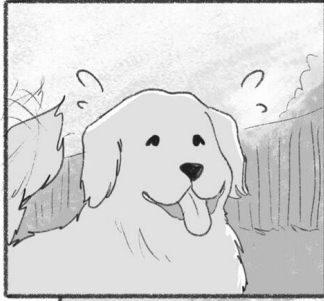


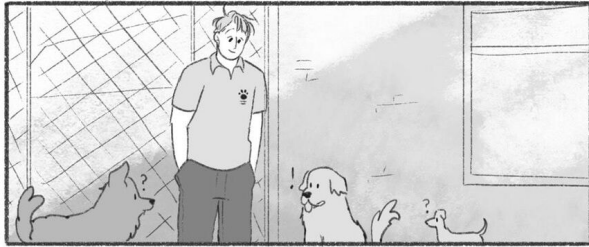
It means that what we have is
important.















Just said goodbye to Biscuit



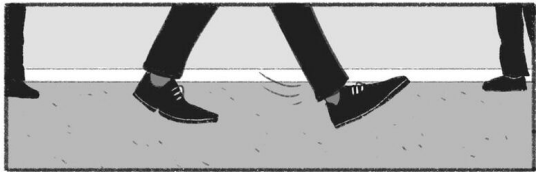
want to come over for a cuddle?

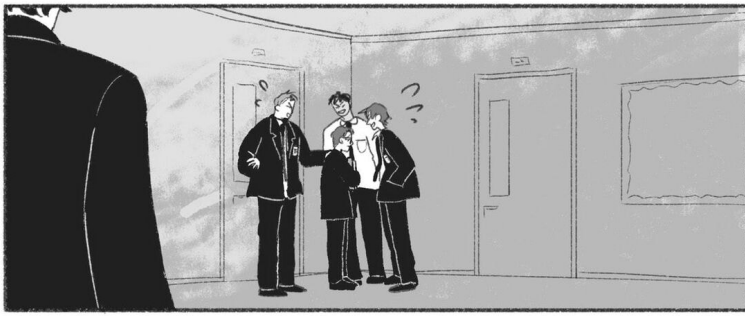


Need to go home and hug Nellie first and then yes

Can we get a golden retriever one day

YES

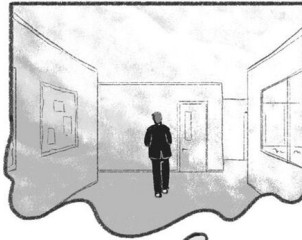






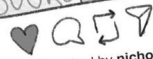
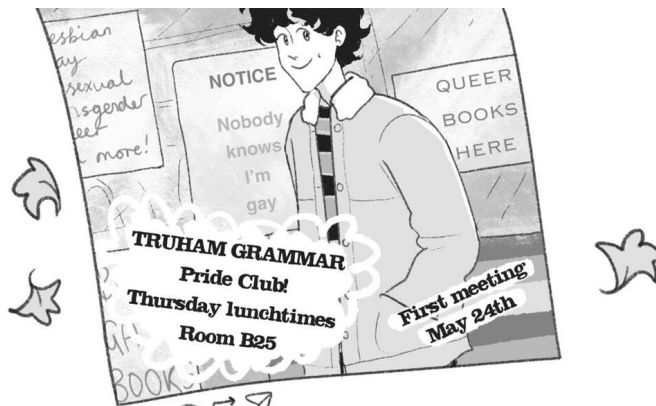




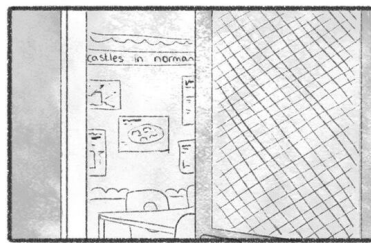








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cfspring this is a top secret message for the queers and allies of truham grammar... I'm running a lunchtime club on thursdays for us to hang out, make new friends, and talk about queer stuff!! all year groups welcome! come and join!



No one's coming.

Give them a chance, lunch started like three minutes ago!

The post got lots of likes!

And if no one else comes, we still have four members!

Nick, that's not comforting.

Welcome to
PRIDE CLUB!











And next week we'll be talking about our favourite TV shows that have queer characters, so get thinking!

Thank you for coming!
See you next week!

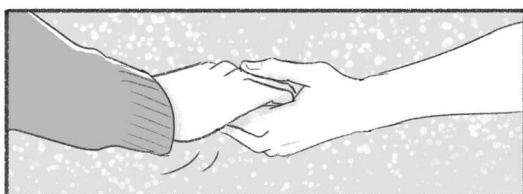


Bye, Charlie!

Bye!! This was fun!



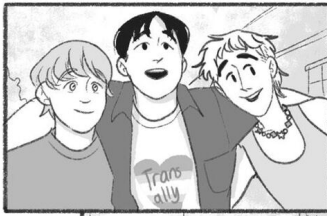






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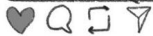
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chronic-pessimist my brother bullied me until i posted this



 sahorsguitar

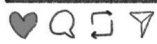


saharsguitar I LOVE BEING QUEER!!!



1930

 the.xu.tao



the.xu.tao third wheeling but for a good cause!

 nicholaszzzz



nicholaszzzz | think we need new shoes



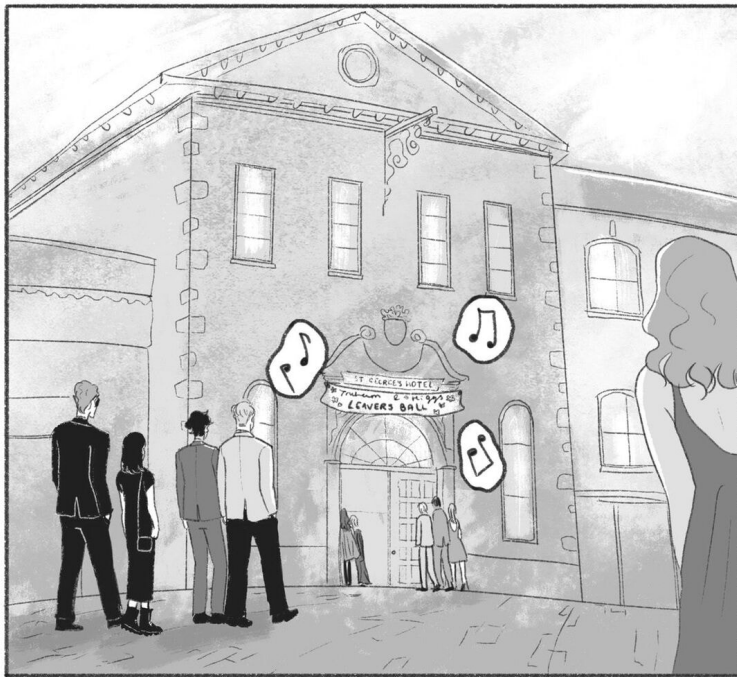




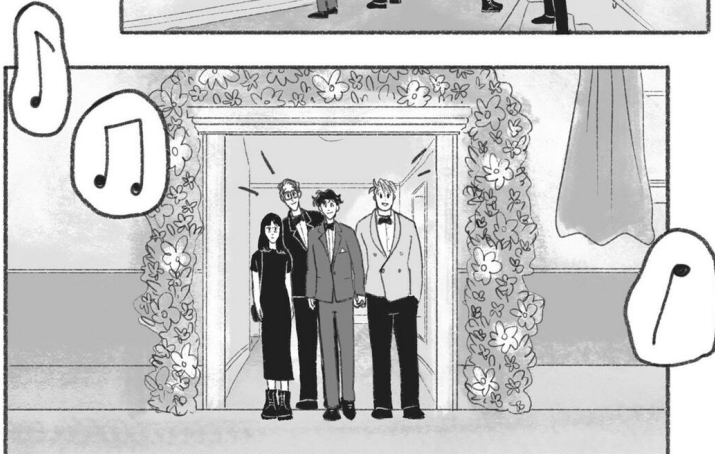
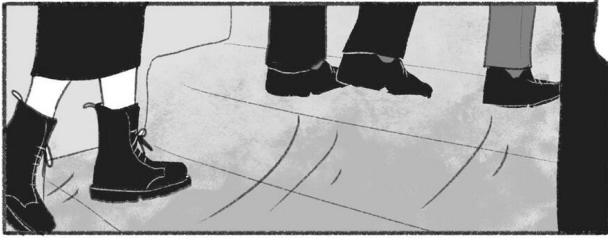
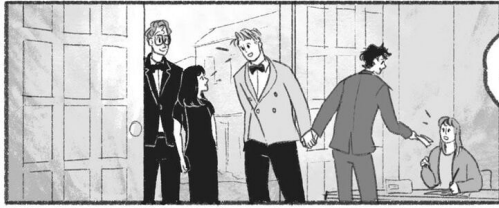


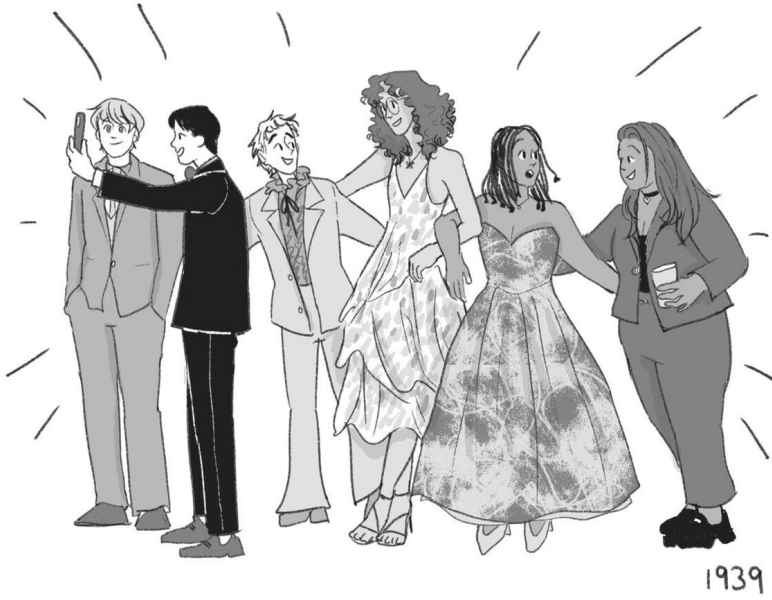
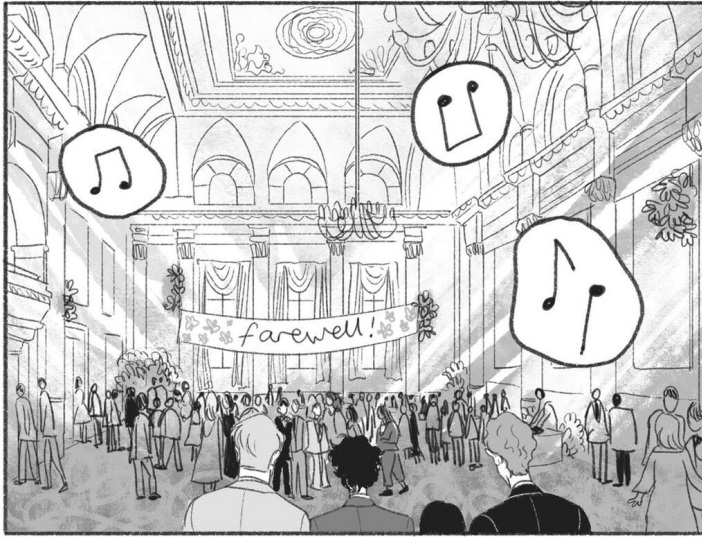
...
You
are
unbelievably
cringe.





1937





1939









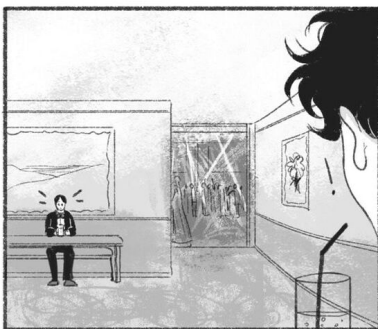


1944





1946







I mean, all of us. The exact relationships may change, and people may fall in and out of touch, I don't know. Our lives will take different paths.

Leavers Ball

But the web of love that connects us will never break.



We built it. And it built us.



Have you been drinking that vodka Darcy snuck in?

I might have, yeah.

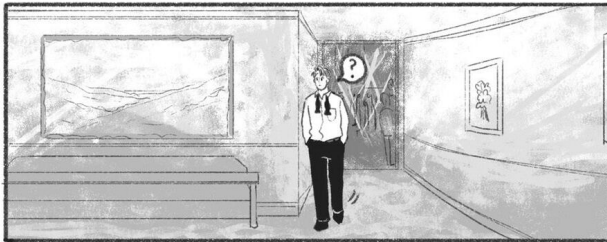


I love you so much.

We're not even the ones leaving school and we're already emotional wrecks.









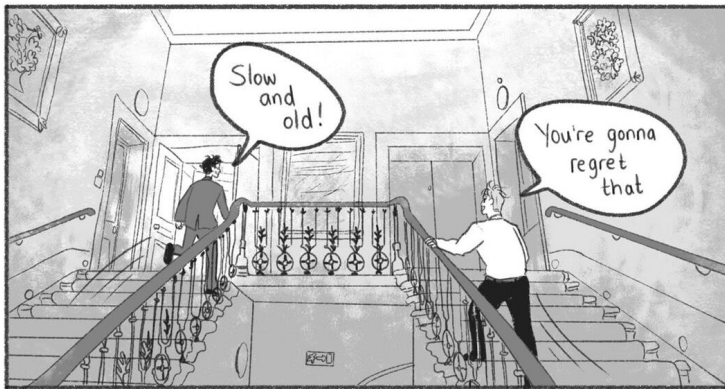




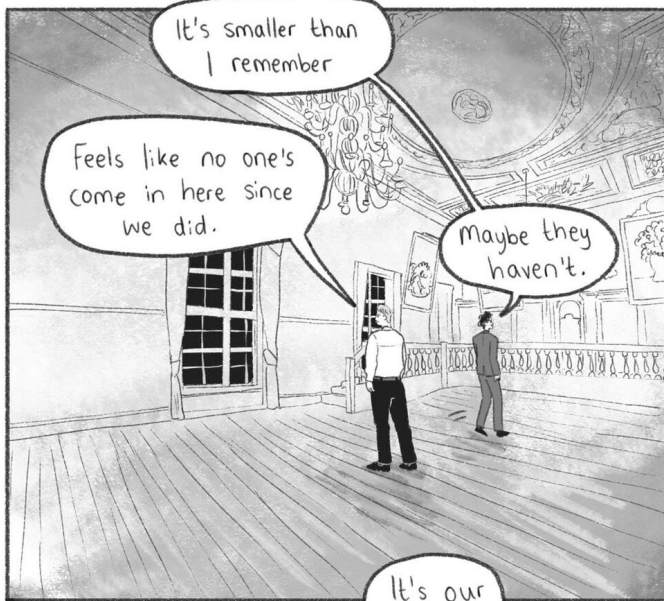
Bet
you still
can't
catch
me.

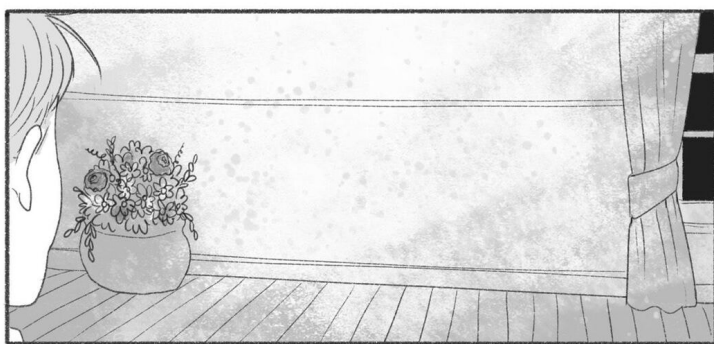


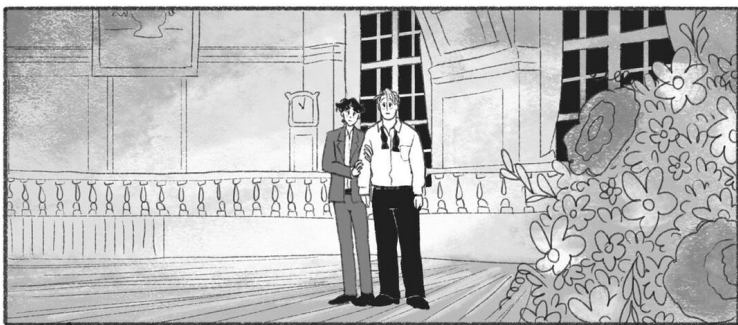


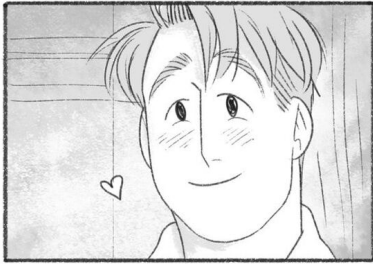


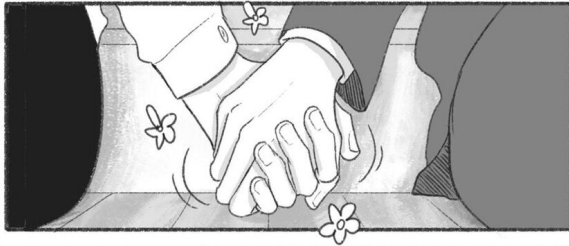
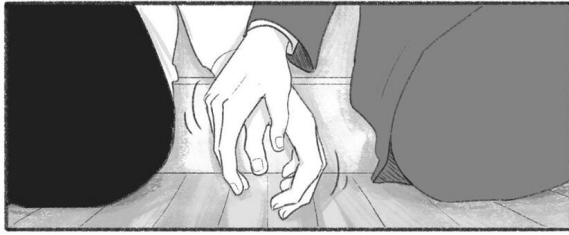








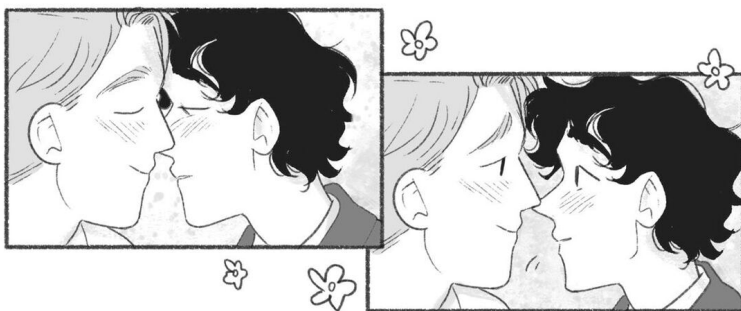
















Maybe in another universe, I'd...
I'd be so stressed about it that I'd get angry at you, and we'd have a big argument and break up.

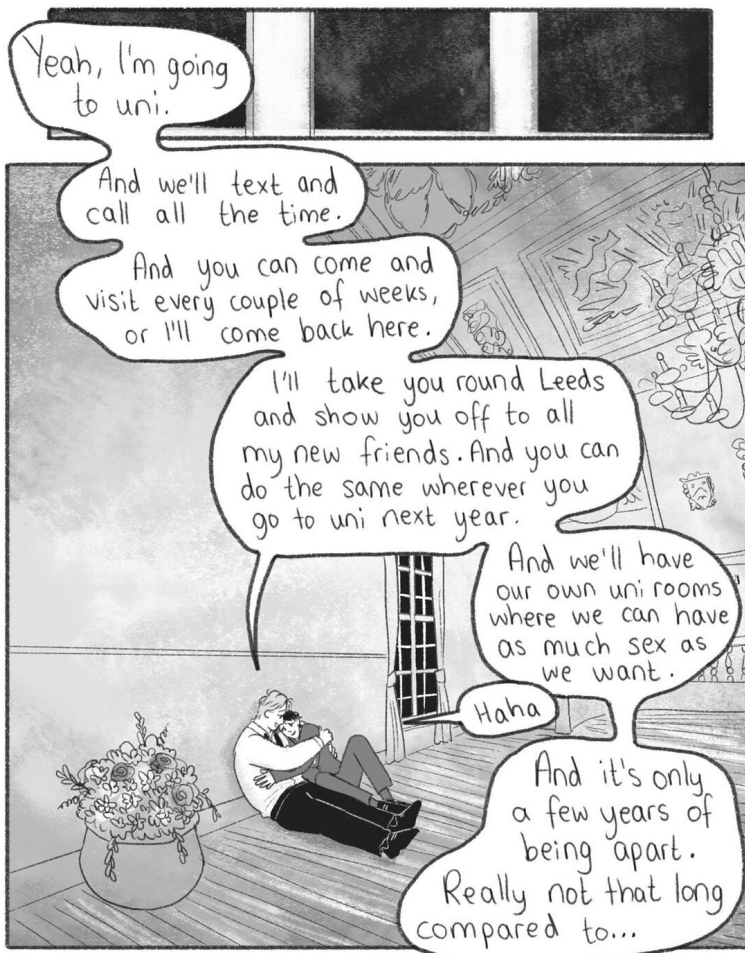
Well, I think that if that happened, we'd figure it out and get back together.

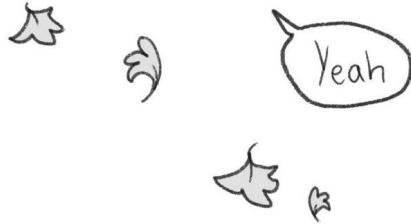


We're gonna be okay!!

I know, I know!

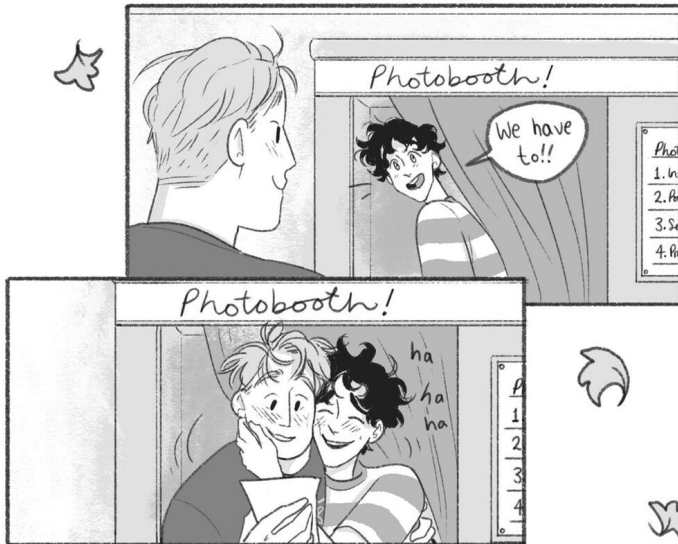
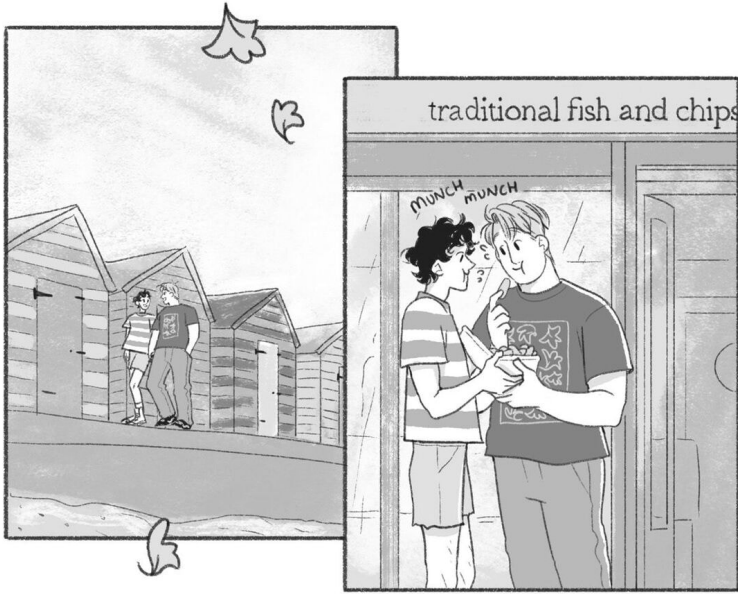








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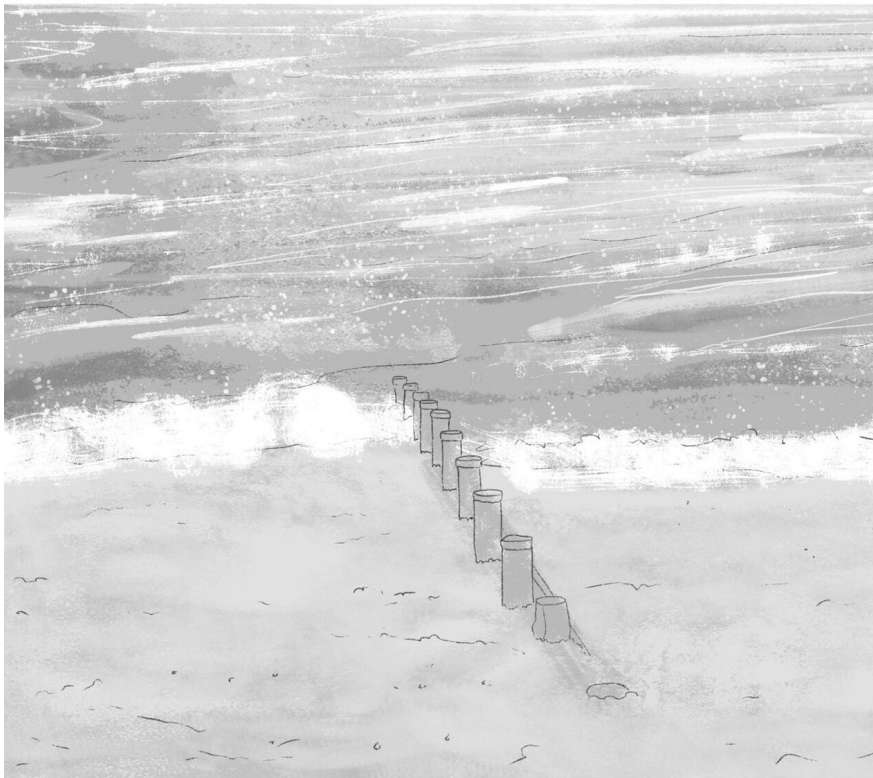
I could
never
imagine
any of
that until
I met
you.



And
now?



1975





Now I can see it.



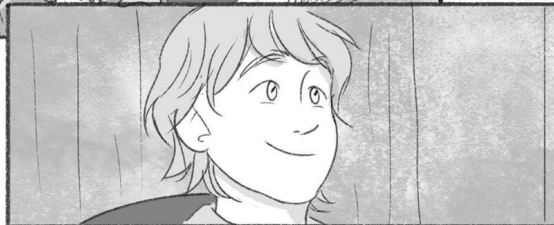
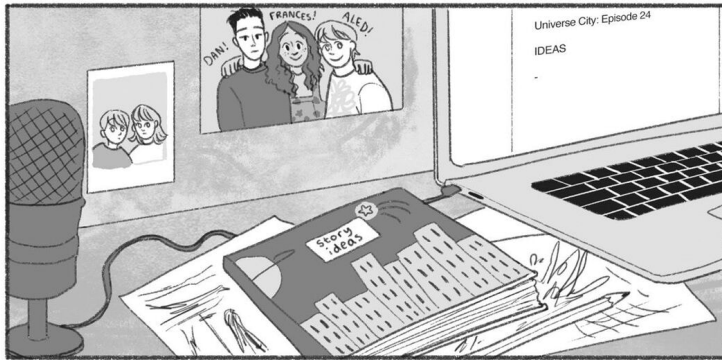


EPILOGUE







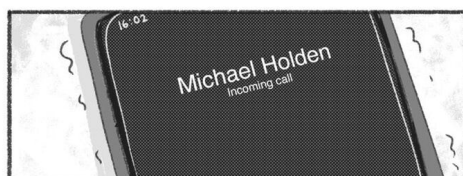
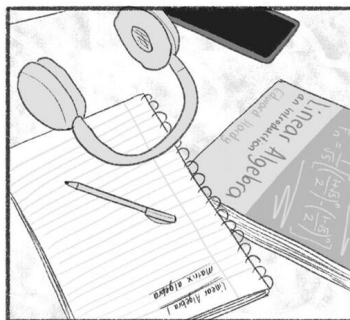




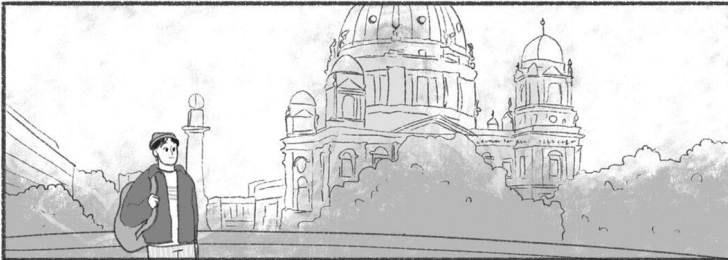
♡849 ♡92 ♡31 ♡
saharsguitar i'm playing my first solo show this friday!!!
come along! link in my bio!



1984







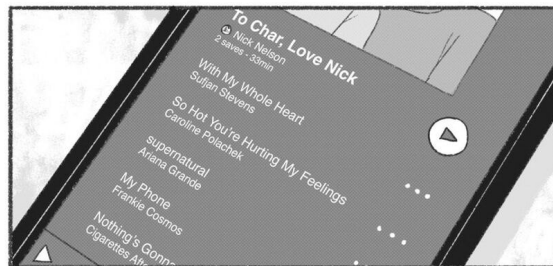
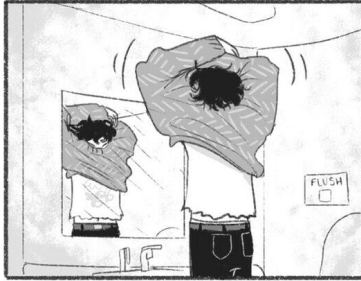


DRRIING

















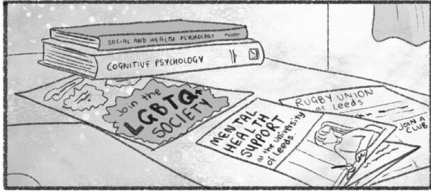


1996



1997







BLINK
BLINK



Hi

Hi



Mm

missed
this



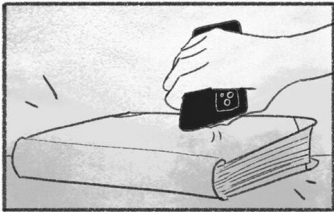
Still
wanna
go out for
breakfast,
babe?
That pancake
place?



Uhhhhh,
five more
minutes,
please



Haha,
sure



!! AWAKE !!





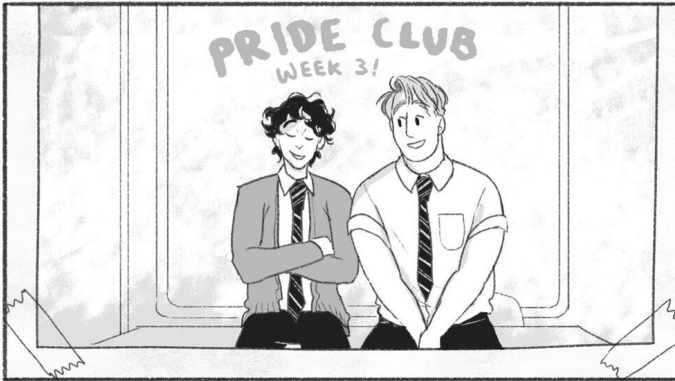
you gave me a photo of us in
the snow, so here's one of us
in the sun
Love Charlie xxx

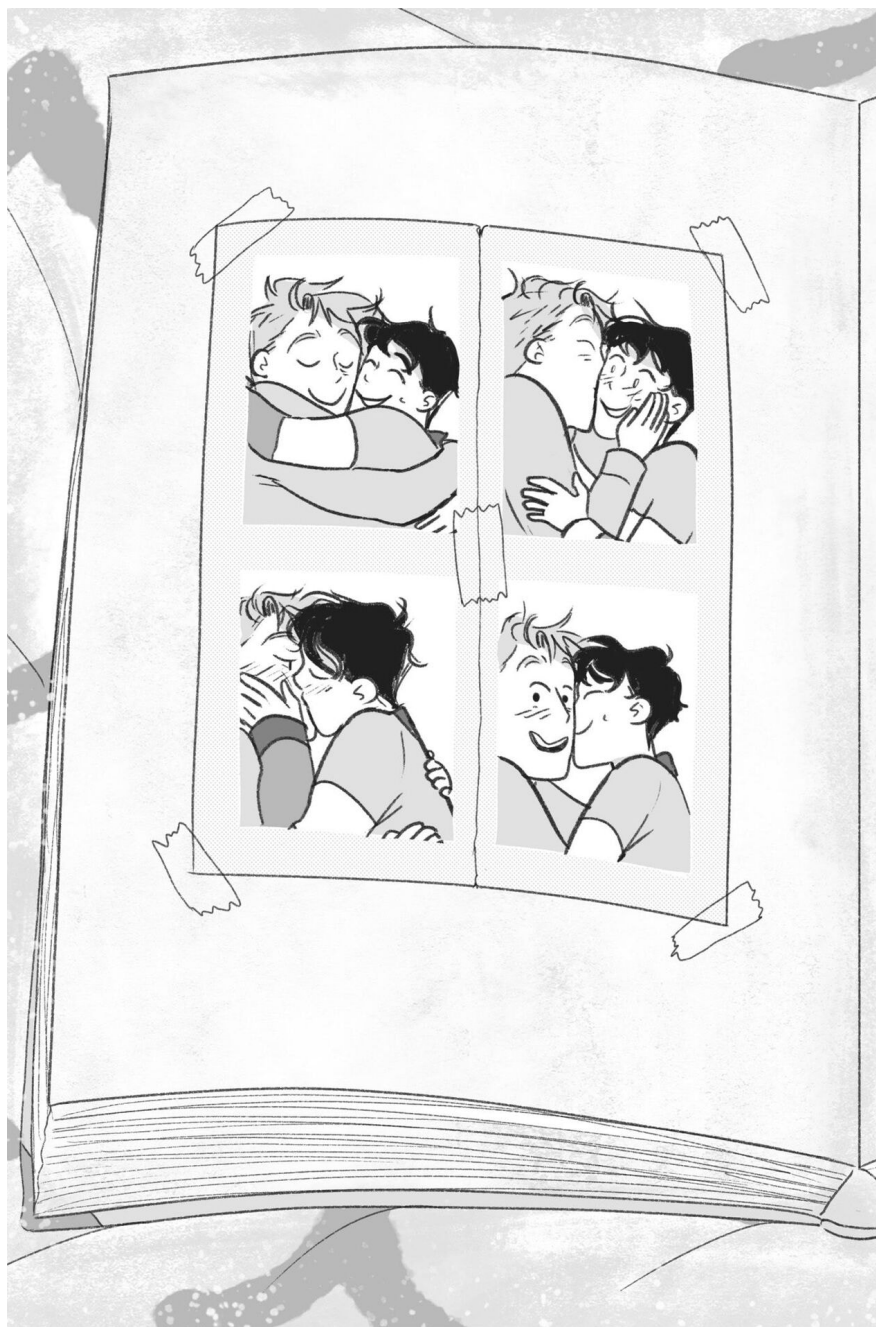


2004

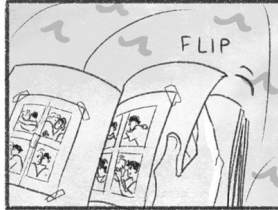








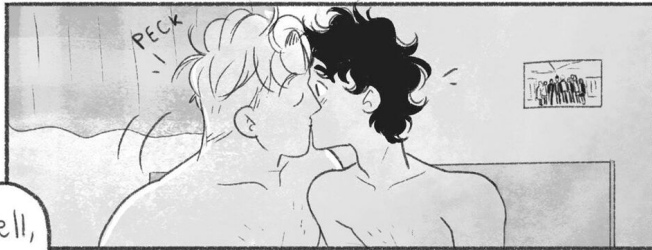




Yeah

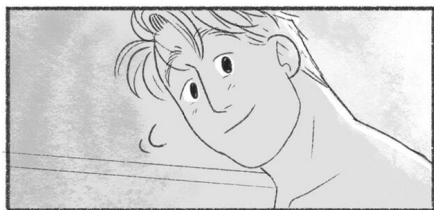






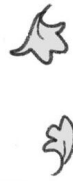
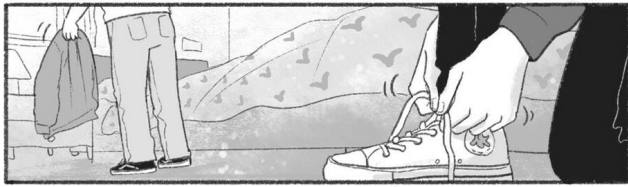
Well,
we
can
fight
about
that
when
we get
there.

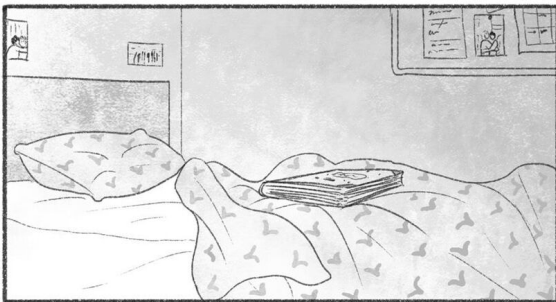
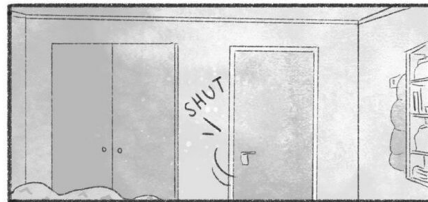




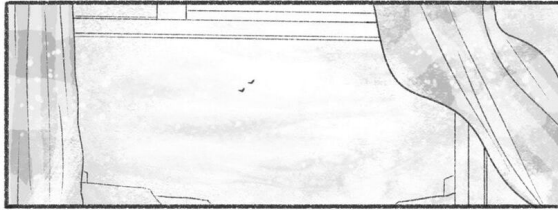


2014





2016



The end.

Resources

For information, help, support, and guidance,
please check out the following resources:

Beat Eating Disorders –
www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

Mind –
www.mind.org.uk

OCD UK –
www.ocduk.org

YoungMinds –
www.youngminds.org.uk

MindOut LGBTQ Mental Health Service –
www.mindout.org.uk

Rethink Mental Illness –
www.rethink.org

Switchboard LGBT+ Helpline –
switchboard.lgbt

Getting it on . . . –
www.gettingiton.org.uk

Author's note

Dear Heartstopper readers,

Making Heartstopper has been the most unexpected, magical gift. I feel so lucky to have spent ten years immersed in the story of Nick and Charlie and their friends. In fact, I consider it to be the greatest joy of my life.

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I have had so much fun sharing Heartstopper with you all.

This moment feels extremely bittersweet. I'm so sad that the story is over, but I'm also so proud and excited that it is complete and so glad that I got to finish it in the way I always hoped.

And while I am ready to venture toward new stories and new characters, I will never truly say farewell to Heartstopper. Nick and Charlie will forever be in my heart, hand in hand on a beach somewhere.

Thank you, everyone.

Alice
x



to nick, love charlie



Love Letter From The Sea to The Shore
Delaney Bailey

Just for me
PinkPantheress

touch tank
quinnie

Ode to a Conversation Stuck in Your Throat
Del Water Gap

Into Your Room (with MUNA)
Holly Humberstone, MUNA

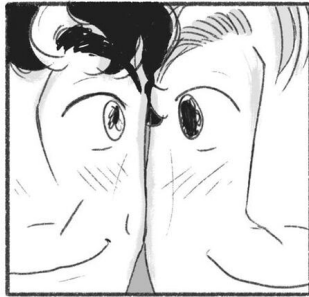
Between Sheets
Imogen Heap

Here (In Your Arms)
Hellogoodbye

Private Universe
Crowded House

Kyle (Northern Line)
Fred again..

Still Together
Mac DeMarco



To Char, Love Nick

With My Whole Heart
Sufjan Stevens

So Hot You're Hurting My Feelings
Caroline Polachek

supernatural
Ariana Grande

My Phone
Frankie Cosmos

Nothing's Gonna Hurt You Baby
Cigarettes After Sex

Charlie
Mallrat

Pegasus (ft. Phoebe Bridgers)
Arlo Parks

Butterflies (feat. AURORA)
Tom Odell

Us
Regina Spektor

anything
Adrianne Lenker

